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Waterfront plans will likely go to voters

Commercial project proposed by track owner differs greatly from other interests envision on the waterfront.

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ANY — People are weighing in on what they want to see on the waterfront in the wake of city meetings expected to guide the future of Golden Gate Fields racetrack waterfront.

Any changes on the waterfront will likely have to be coordinated with Measure C, which limits development to certain recreational uses, golf courses,

parks, parking lots and restaurants or bars. Any other uses would have to be approved by voters.

Many believe that because of this law, voters will end up having final say over a development plan submitted by Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields.

The plan comprises 300,000 square feet of commercial, retail and entertainment facilities, a 300,000-square-foot event center capable of holding 10,000 people, and an expansion of the racetrack's simulcast facilities by 100,000 square feet. A parking structure also is proposed.

Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben said the development would likely go to the voters because it would be impossible for Magna

to make a profit under the current Measure C restrictions.

"They need to have some of those uses be uses that are not consistent with Measure C," Zweben said. "And a voter is an easy example, so they need to get voter approval."

He added, "at some point they're going to hit something that will go before a Measure C vote. I think it's unavoidable."

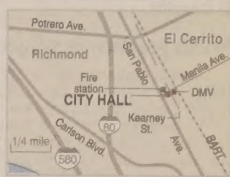
Peter Tunney said the company hasn't looked that far ahead yet.

"We filed a conceptual plan to allow the city and the citizens to voice their opinions," said Tunney, the vice president of the California division of Magna Entertainment Corp. The city is holding a series of meetings

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Proposed city hall in El Cerrito

This design of a new city hall at the corner of San Pablo and Manila avenues includes an outdoor plaza connecting it to the current police and fire stations. A final budget and design for the building still need to be completed.



Sights set on city hall site

■ The approved plan calls for new building on land where 'temporary' city offices are now located

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A new city hall will be built at San Pablo and Manila avenues, where city government has operated for 16 years out of a collection of trailers.

The City Council chose the site from among five San Pablo Avenue locations, authorized the creation of a design for the new public building and considered various ways to pay for it at its Monday, April 7, meeting.

With Councilwoman Janet Abelson absent, the members voted 4-0 vote to move forward with the tentative design and to have staff come up with a financial plan to fund it.

A tentative design would place the new city hall across a central outdoor plaza from the fire and police stations. That would require Manila Avenue to be closed to traffic between San Pablo Avenue and Kearney Street.

A gateway on San Pablo Avenue would open onto the plaza, and the new building would be set off with special paving and street lighting.

The chosen site was considered the most cost-effective by a council that has already cut costs by eliminating a library or senior center from the plans, though such buildings could be added in the future.

The council already has authorized spending \$1.3 million of the estimated \$7.3 million cost.

The rest would be paid for in

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City plans to gauge residents' priorities

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Due in part to anticipated financial difficulties, the city will have residents surveyed about what services they think are most important.

The surveys will identify possible ways to increase revenues as well as to reduce or eliminate some services if necessary. City Manager Scott Hanin said. The surveys also will show how willing people are to pay for a new library and senior center, which were left out of plans for a new

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WILNER and Sid Nielsen work on the wiring during the restoration project on the Mendoza home.

TUE NAM TON/STAFF

Neighbors come to fire victim's rescue

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ANY — The fire moved quickly and did the help. The morning of Jan. 9, 65-year-old Lupe Mendoza walked stairs to her kitchen in order to warm some milk in a pot on the burner. When she turned on the burner, her stove exploded with a loud boom and flames through the home. She was on the stove and in the big fire right in my

the charred, dusty ruins of what used to be her kitchen.

Mendoza, her nephew and his wife and their two children got out alive, but the two-story, one-bedroom Santa Fe Avenue home was done for.

Neighbors on the 800 block of Santa Fe Avenue, along with parents and students from nearby Marin Elementary School have come together to help Mendoza and her family. Volunteers are spending their Saturdays demolishing and rebuilding Mendoza's

one-bedroom home and expect her to move back in by early May.

"She needed help," said neighbor Estelle Vagg. "It's the neighborly thing to do."

The fire that burned Mendoza's home was caused by gas leak. The loud boom woke up Mendoza's next-door neighbor, 28-year-old Nash Weber.

"I just lay in bed thinking, 'What was that sound?'" Weber said. "And finally I walked to the

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HOW TO HELP

Items are still being sought for Lupe Mendoza, who was burned out of her Albany home on Jan. 9. The items include a 30-inch white gas stove, curtains, five windows, an interior door, a countertop, ceiling fan, vinyl flooring, a television, microwave and toaster.

To make a donation or to help rebuild Mendoza's home or other homes in the Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville area, call 510-644-8979.

Tai chi, qigong demos here Saturday

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Warren Gold, a master of medicine at UC San Francisco and physical therapist and various other ailments for his chronic back pain. It wasn't improving. About a year ago, he began an intensive practice of qigong — the ancient practice of qigong. Gold said he still hasn't gone away but he's feeling much better.

"Qigong (chi-kung) is intended to bring the body and mind through a

specific set of movements said to distribute positive energy, or chi, through the body, expel negative energy and collect energy from the environment. The practice is 1,700 years old.

Together with acupuncture, massage, and herbal medicine, Qigong is several alternative medical techniques taught at the Wen Wu School of Martial Arts.

"It's a movement practice that helps people to feel better physically and emotionally," said Richmond resident Jerry Minor, a teacher at the school, about qigong. "It's a really balanced form, and when you're finished, you feel both peaceful and strong at the same time."

Located at San Pablo and Central avenues in El Cerrito, the Wen Wu school teaches martial arts kung-fu

and tai-chi and offers calligraphy, painting and feng shui classes. All of its courses are based on ancient Chinese practices.

Cynthia Eaton recently taught a nighttime qigong class which drew about 25 people. Eaton demonstrated a new set of slow, graceful, carefully orchestrated movements to the class, using her hands, arms, legs, head and torso.

Two assistants on either side of her did the same moves to show the class what they looked like from different angles. The students then practiced the moves themselves.

The qigong teachers said they have more energy than others their age, are sick less and that the benefits seem to

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JOANNA JHANDA

DURING A QIGONG class, El Cerrito resident and assistant teacher Peggy Day, foreground, demonstrates a movement to the class. There will be tai chi and qigong practice sessions Saturday at Cerrito Vista Park for "World Tai Chi and Qigong Day."

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

Ellen Hoffman continues her long musical journey

ONE SUMMER, Ellen Hoffman was invited to lead a summer program of all-Broadway music for singers. At the end of the summer, the attendees wanted to go to the 25 singers grew to 75. The Berkeley Broadway Singers was launched. Hoffman, an esteemed jazz pianist and composer, now directs the group, writes and arranges music for them and accompanies them. But that's just part of what Hoffman is up to musically. With interests that range from jazz to classical, Broadway to gospel, popular, ragtime and everything in between, Hoffman has had a busy musical career that shows no signs of slowing down. She plays piano with a symphony, leads a jazz combo, is a vocal coach, songwriter and pianist, runs a jazz singers' choir, and directs a 15-member chamber orchestra. She accompanies the Oakland Youth Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. She has performed at music festivals all over the



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

country, including the Monterey Jazz Festival and the New Orleans Jazz Festival. She has also played the White House. She has performed with or accompanied Linda Ronstadt, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and many others, and with internationally known ensembles including the Duke Ellington Orchestra. She's a faculty member and former music director of Jazz Camp West, a summer camp, and was artist-in-residence at several Bay Area schools, including the San Francisco School of the Arts. She has received numerous commissions to compose and arrange orchestral music, and her music has been performed by symphonies and chamber ensembles across the country. For 10 years she has been asso-

ciated with the Oakland East Bay Symphony and its music director, Michael Morgan.

Hoffman says she is excited about a free concert by the Oakland East Bay Symphony, at the Richmond Auditorium on April 26, where the group will play one of her compositions for orchestra and chorus with audience participation.

On May 4 at the Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, she will return to her jazz roots, playing her own music with guest artists.

The Berkeley Broadway Singers will help raise money for a new roof for St. Ambrose Church in a concert at the church, at 1145 Gilman St., in Berkeley. They have a special interest in helping with the campaign, since they rehearse at St. Ambrose.

Hoffman was born in Washington, D.C., and brought up in Baltimore. After studying at the Peabody Institute, she earned degrees at Boston University and Mills College.

But the best music instruction she ever received, she says, was at the music camp

CONCERTS

The Berkeley Broadways Singers' St. Ambrose concert is at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the church. \$10 general/\$8 seniors. 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley.

The Oakland East Bay Symphony's concert in the Richmond Auditorium is begins at 7 p.m., April 26. Free. 403 Civic Plaza, Richmond.

Ellen Hoffman's Freight & Salvage concert is at 8 p.m. May 4. \$15.50 advance/\$16.50 door. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761.

she attended as a teen-ager. That's where she discovered jazz, found the composition teacher she needed and was set on her life's course.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

He who wins Pulitzer laughs last — and best



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

AS THE SONG goes, they all laughed in 1987, when a young Berkeley composer named John Adams announced he was writing a grand opera called "Nixon in China." Tom Brokaw made fun of him on "The NBC Nightly News."

But nobody is laughing now. "Nixon" is regularly performed to enthusiastic audiences and was named one of the 10 most important recordings of the decade by Time Magazine. On Monday, the 56-year-old Adams was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Music, the latest in a long series of honors. The Pulitzer was for his 2002 choral work "On the Transmigration of Souls," which was commissioned by the New York Philharmonic as a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ever gracious and self-effacing, Adams said the honor "is hopefully passed on to the families of those people I commemorated in the piece."

But other musicians are exultant. "Finally!" said fellow Bay Area composer Jake Heggie, best known for his opera "Dead Man Walking."

Over the last three decades, Adams has led a revolution in classical music, steering it away from elitist compositions that only academics could understand (or love). Now that "accessibility" is such a buzzword, it's hard to remember that in the 1960s and '70s there were very few works written that were actually listenable.

Adams changed all that with compositions that harken back to the 19th century in their sensuous melodies and lush harmonies.

You don't have to be a film buff to get swept up by "Citizen Kane." You don't have to be an art historian to appreciate the Mona Lisa. And you don't need a degree in musicology to be moved by Adams' music, whether it's an early work like the septet "Shaker Loops" (1978), or a more recent one like his oratorio "I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky," (1988) an "earthquake/romance" whose title quotes a survivor of the Northridge earthquake.

Today he is the most frequently performed American composer. ("Nixon" alone has played to packed houses in more than a dozen cities.) He was the first composer-in-residence at the San Francisco Symphony. New York's Lincoln

Center is in the middle of a three-month festival of his music. And in September he begins a three-year stint as composer-in-residence at Carnegie Hall.

A film version of "Klinghoffer" will be shown April 20-21 at the San Francisco International Film Festival. On April 30, Michael Tilson-Thomas will conduct the San Francisco Symphony in the world premiere of Adams' new symphony, "My Father Knew Charles Ives." Currently, Adams is writing an opera based on the life of UC Berkeley physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atomic bomb.

Like Verdi, Adams chooses the greatest issue of the day as the subject matter of his operas, including "Nixon" and "The Death of Klinghoffer" (1992), a work of truly tragic grandeur based on the hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro and the murder of one of its passengers. One critic said, "It evokes with equal aplomb a Monteverdi arioso, a Mendelssohn scherzo, and 'Duke of Earl'."

Like Stravinsky, he works with cutting-edge collaborators, including director Peter Sellars, choreographer Mark Morris and poets Alice Goodman and the late UC Berkeley professor June Jordan. Like Bach, his music conveys power and grandeur. And like Mozart, he seems to be a bottomless well of beautiful melodies.

But he's really like none of them. There is only one John Adams. His music delights the ear, stirs the soul, and gladdens the heart. He is one of the greatest composers of our time, right up there with his heroes, Stravinsky and Duke Ellington.

And yet he's just a regular Berkeley guy at heart. You're as likely to see him in jeans, shopping at the Berkeley Bowl with his kids, as you are to see him in tails, striding into Davies Hall.

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Spring an opportunity to appreciate the egret

SPRING IS IN the air, and for me, that means birds! Singing and courting, competing and nest building is going on all over the Bay Area. One of my favorites to watch this time of year is the great egret. These long-legged, long-necked, all-white birds can be seen frozen in place in marshes and mudflats, along the edges of creeks and lakes, hunting for fish, frogs, lizards and small crustaceans. Look for their black and yellow beaks.

We have quite a few snowy egrets around now also, which are smaller, with black beaks. Egrets have multiple mating systems. They offer each other a stretch and dip, a clapper with their bills, a call out a greeting to their mate as they land on the nest. You will not see their courtship displays on the shoreline, however, because they nest in the tops of tall trees, like the redwoods at Audubon Canyon Ranch in Marin County.

Great egrets are so numerous in our area that it is easy to take them for granted, but their survival is quite a story. Around the turn of the century, these majestic birds were being killed by the thousands for the

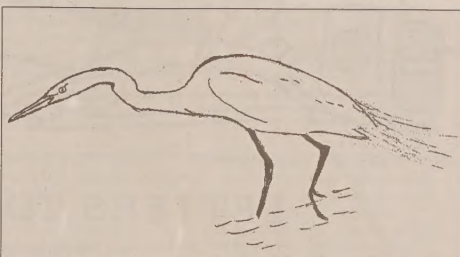


SUZANNE CONRAD
Shoreline Walks

Great egrets are so numerous in our area that it is easy to take them for granted, but their survival is quite a story.

long, feathery plumes that grow from their shoulders during mating season. It was high fashion to use these nuptial plumes, or aigrettes, in women's hats.

Some very determined women became appalled at the threat of their extinction and organized into a group they named the Audubon Society, after nature illustrator John James Audubon. They helped ensure the great egret's survival by out-



EGRETS, WE'VE seen a few ... these big birds came back from the brink when their survival was threatened by fashionable hats.

lawing the sale of its feathers.

Audubon Canyon Ranch received some initial funding from the Audubon Society, and was established to protect their nesting sites from development. Even in this sanctuary, they have had to contend with raccoons, eagles, and becoming a newly acquired taste for some local ravens.

Over 3 feet tall, with a wingspan of 4 1/2 feet, great egrets weigh only about two pounds! If you get a chance to watch them flying in full sunlight, you'll see by their translucency how they are mostly feather and hollow bones.

You can visit the ranch and view the egret, heron and snowy nesting sites on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-July. For information, call 415-868-9244.

I will be on vacation for the next month, but watch for more bird news in May.

Suzanne Conrad, a member of the Albany Waterfront Committee and docent at Audubon Canyon Ranch, writes this regular column about the natural habitat along Albany's shoreline. E-mail your bird sightings from the park to conrad_suzanne@hotmail.com.

Putting it all together

NESSEE MYERS, a first-grader at El Cerrito's Madera Elementary School, experiments with interlocking shapes at the annual El Festival presented by Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science. Parent Ursula Schulze-Gahmen, background, and kindergarten teacher Michelle Myers, right, assisted in the workshop on structures of tubular pyramids and cubes. Students paid for the event by reading tens of thousands of pages of books to earn a cash prize in the winner's Reading Program year — a program mandated due to the state budget crisis.



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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

El Cerrito High School

Today, April 11, is the deadline for Gaucho Corral Newsletter items. Please submit your items to the folder in the PTSA box in the main office.

Monday, April 14, is San Francisco State University's Information Day. Enrollment is still open for fall.

Seniors are encouraged to stop by the Career Center every Friday, to pick up a weekly Scholarship Update. There is a lot of money to be had, but not if you do not apply!

Saturday, April 12, is UC Berkeley's Open House. Many activities are planned, and museums are free. For details see pages A8 and A9 of today's Journal, log on to www.berkeley.edu/calday or pick up a brochure in the counseling office. Cal offers summer enrichment courses for students in grade 9-11. See your counselor or visit http://atdp.berkeley.edu. Congratulations to the following members of the ECHS Forensics Team: members Elaine Ng, a qualifier in Lin-

coln Douglas Debate, and Amy Chang and President Davis, for qualifying for the California High School Speech Association State Tournament. These students will represent ECHS in competition in San Bernardino on May 1-4.

Portola Middle School

Attention, green thumb! The school garden is set to be weeded and

planted with a variety of flowers 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 12. Doughnuts and bagels will be provided, and participants are invited to a free barbecue at noon at the El Cerrito Community Center. Participants are asked to bring garden gloves, hats, sunblock, as many colorful plants as possible, garden tools, planting soil or compost, bottled water ... and bubbles for blowing. Details: 510-234-9296.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Time has come for a new El Cerrito city hall

IT LOOKS AS though El Cerrito, at long last, will really build a new city hall. It's about time. The portable buildings that were supposed to house city staff temporarily have been there since 1987. The portables — trailers, really — are too small and are showing their age.

The city is like a family that, after years of pinching pennies, finally sees an increase in income and can move to a better home — in fact, build itself a better home.

That doesn't necessarily mean a dream home, no matter how much some members of the family may want it.

A household used to pinching pennies isn't likely to get extravagant and extend itself too far financially just because times got a bit better.

In El Cerrito's case, its slightly rosier financial picture has developed against a background of gloomy economic times for the state, which will no doubt have its effects on the city.

At its meeting on Monday, April 7, the City Council chose a site for city government's new home: the same place where those shabby trailers now stand. There's a tentative design for placement of the new city hall building, with a plaza connecting it to fire and police buildings.

The city also called for the creation of a financial plan that can pay for the project, and looked at a variety of ways these funds might be cobbled together.

It looks as though there will be some shifting of money from one city pot to another to do it. But when all is said and done, according to City Manager Scott Hanin, only a couple of city projects may have their own funds reduced.

It would be wonderful if El Cerrito residents could look forward to a civic center that included, besides a city hall, a new and up-to-date library, a senior center and other public places that invited citizen gatherings and social exchange.

It would be terrific if there were the money for such a civic center.

But this city is nothing if not financially realistic. A full-blown civic center would cost many times more money than the \$7.3 million estimated for just a city hall. So there's no up-to-date library or spacious new senior center in the tentative plans.

As disappointing as that may be, it's fiscally wise. Waiting until there's a bit more money in city coffers with the idea of going for a big civic center later is impractical. The cost of building anything over the next several years is unlikely to drop, and it would not be a surprise if waiting meant that even a modest city hall like the one envisioned would get more and more expensive.

A new home for city government is long overdue. There are practical concerns, such as giving city workers a workplace that's safe and up to code.

But there are less tangible concerns having to do with civic pride and quality of life. El Cerritos deserve a city hall to which they can point with pride, that gives the city a public face.

Public structures can be powerful symbols, and a focus for public emotions. We saw that on the international stage this week as Iraqis pulled down statues of a hated dictator and looted government offices.

Planning to build the city hall of a small suburban city of homes exists — thankfully — far on the other end of that spectrum of public feeling and display. But it is most definitely on that same spectrum.

The City Council is doing the right thing to move ahead. And it's also right in remembering to pinch those pennies.

JEFF HANSEN • HILLS NEWSPAPERS

TIME TO GET STARTED

I ALWAYS PUT ON WEIGHT
WHEN I DO OUR TAXES.

TOO MANY
TURBO SNAX.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inexplicable thefts

The Northminster Presbyterian Church has been the victim of theft twice since Jan. 1.

Last August, after much deliberation, we placed a large "Welcome" sign on the side of our sanctuary, next to Ashbury Avenue, where we hung five large (3 feet by 5 feet) flags. In early January, we noticed our peace flag was missing. We replaced it and a group of our members walked with it at the peace march in San Francisco on Feb. 16, following our worship service.

Shortly after the peace flag was replaced on our wall, the rainbow flag was stolen. We do not know why these flags were stolen but, clearly, someone wanted them gone.

These flags, while not religious in the narrow sense, represent our attempt to reach out in welcome to specific peoples and to embrace some causes, as part of the mission of our church.

With the peace flag, we sought to welcome all those who work for peace and wish to be peacemakers. The rainbow flag represents our welcome to all gay and lesbian peoples to our life. Other flags include the African-American flag, the Earth flag and the U.N. flag — our welcome extends to all.

There are people of many faiths and no professed faith who also share the aspirations these flags represent to us. We know we must make our own welcome as wide as Jesus' welcome is for us.

David McPhail
El Cerrito

McPhail is a ruling elder of Northminster Presbyterian Church in El Cerrito.

Health care for all

Your help is needed immediately for passage of SB 921, "Health Care for All Californians."

Sen. Sheila Kuehl, the sponsor of the bill, says: "In order to be voted upon by the full Legislature and signed by the governor, SB 921 must first win passage in several committees, including health, insurance, judiciary, appropriations, and revenue and tax."

The most important piece of advocacy work you can do at this time is to send letters demonstrating your support for SB 921. Letters from organizations, on their letterhead, are especially needed. The names of organizations who support the bill will be printed in the committee analysis.

Support letters will include your organization's support for SB 921. All lose when billions of dollars are wasted on unnecessary administrative costs. All lose when insurance premiums become unaffordable and benefits are reduced.

Address letters to Sen. Sheila Kuehl, Attention: Sara Rogers, State Capitol, Room 4032, Sacramento, CA 95814; fax 916-324-4823. Kuehl's office will photocopy your letter and distribute it to each committee.

Please send your letter immediately, as SB 921 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Insurance Committee on April 30. For literature, video or speaker, phone 510-232-1136.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

It's our job

The Second Amendment gives us power to protect ourselves. It states: "A

well regulated militia, being necessary for a free state, the right for the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Each household, family and person must always be diligent and realize we are all part of the American militia and if we want to be free we must protect and regulate ourselves.

We have been brainwashed to the extent that we think: Big Brother will take care of us.

The Sept. 11 disaster would never have happened if we realized we are a government "of the people." This means the people on the planes should have realized they were the well-regulated militia and it was their job to fight the terrorists right then and there.

All these knee-jerk rules and regulations that are taking away our liberties are wrong. The government says these rules and regulations are helping us, but they are wrong.

I'm a senior lady of color and my parents taught me that it is our job to protect our family. After 65 years, I still feel the same.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

Donate locally

Over the last two years, through my own nonprofit organization, AIDO (Aids to Others), I have worked with Opportunity West, which helps children in our high schools. Some have neither a father nor a mother, nor a decent place to stay. All of them have trouble getting to school and/or getting a good education once they get there.

Opportunity West recently opened a facility staffed by adults to help our students and is now opening up another facility to help more youths in need of a decent place to stay, with adult supervision and guidance.

AIDO gets its Charitable Rating Guidelines from the American Institute of Philanthropy, which gives an A, B, C, D or F rating to all nonprofits. Too many nonprofits receive an F rating because they retain much of their charitable gifts for themselves. For example, AmVet, which is supposed to help veterans, always gets a D or F.

I would suggest that we in this area donate to an organization that has already earned our respect — such as the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the GRIP Souper Center and Opportunity West.

I have done volunteer work for all these organizations. I plan to give Opportunity West \$1,000 to support its work with homeless youths and I hope other people and businesses will do the same.

Fred Fogg
El Cerrito

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Outrageous tax cuts

President Bush's proposed tax cuts for millionaires becomes even more outrageous when I look at how my tax dollars are spent.

Last year, I spent 23 cents of every dollar on the national debt's interest payments, according to the National Priorities Project. The only thing topping that was the military, which took 26 cents — and that's before the \$100 billion war in Iraq.

Now Bush's tax cuts, which cost about \$2 trillion over the next decade, will boost our debt to \$7 trillion (\$1.9 trillion a day over that same period. And for what?

Some 47 percent of Californians get zero for all these tax cuts. Meanwhile, the top 1 percent will bring home \$35.9 billion. While we get nothing in tax relief, we also get less in services. Last year, less than 3 cents went toward education, less than 1 cent for job training. More cuts means less money for basics and more money for those who don't need it.

One thing's certain, Bush's version of "economic stimulus" takes exclusive of millionaires, who will get an average \$90,000 per year in tax breaks. He leaves the rest of us, and our country, behind.

Eva Bluestein
El Cerrito

Tragic irony

I am sickened to hear that the first "American" servicewoman killed in Iraq is Hopi. The tragic irony comes to me in layers.

The Hopi people have lived longer what is now called the United States than any other people. Their tribal nation is currently "under siege," as a U.S. company, Peabody Coal, rapidly drains the natural resource — water — from a vast underground aquifer, providing power to light up Las Vegas. Lack of water is causing a loss of crops, livestock and land.

Lori Piestewa, a Hopi woman of mother of a son, 4, and a daughter, 3, died in Iraq to fight another people of darkness in order for the United States to obtain access to their underground resource.

Relating this irony to a friend, she informs me that the first "American" killed in this war was Guatemalan — another layer of tragedy.

Linea L...
Alb...

Smart bombs?

How smart is a smart bomb? Can you tell a soldier from a child, woman or ordinary citizen?

There are 7 million people living in Baghdad. Hope not too many smart bombs, smart or dumb, drop there.

Just how smart are those bombs? They can't pass the high school exit exam. I wonder how many Iraqi civilians are killed. Everyone knows there will be collateral damage.

I notice that our troops holding up and driving tanks and Bradley armoured vehicles all seem to be teenage, 18 or so. Some coalition troops are already dead or will be soon, some by friendly fire.

Will this make more friends or enemies for us? There is a high cost in reputation, not to mention a high cost in dollars, for years to come.

War is hell. So much to think about.

Art C...
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Albany: City offices, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 510-528-5710.

Kensington: Fire Protection District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-527-8395

Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-526-4141

School board members

West Contra Costa Unified School District: 510-620-2246

Karen Leong Fenton, school board president: 510-236-8460

an easy-to-read primer on West Contra Costa school literacy efforts

TEACHERS, PARENTS and community members find a rare opportunity to talk shop with West Contra Costa Unified District officials: the superintendent, board members, and administrators in a series of things like account-staff development, new training, and literacy. Crew, who is a delight-

ly there had been more to listen — and their minds — this would be a great event. There are sides to this coin. Folks decide that talking schooling for four hours is the best way to spend Saturday morning. And needs to open up



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

events like this to more people, and better communicate what is happening there, starting with a more comprehensible name than "literacy stakeholder event."

(As many times as I've heard the term "stakeholder," I still picture someone headed for the grill with some beef. My husband, a fan of vampire stories, envisions something more along the lines of Buffy.)

How about: "We're going to

talk about teaching kids to read and everybody is invited."

I'll tell you as much as I can about what was said, but you really need to insist you're invited next time, and go even if there are some really good garage sales that morning. They need to hear from you at least as much as you need to hear from them.

Superintendent Gloria Johnston opened by acknowledging it is a difficult time in the district because of the budget cuts, and expressing her own anger and sadness at the cuts the district is being forced to make. She also acknowledged that the changes we are undergoing will mean conflict and will not be easy.

But she noted how important it is that we continue to push to

do a better job of teaching children to read. Students get 85 percent of their information from written material, she noted, and many adult issues — unemployment, incarceration, reliance on social services — relate to reading ability.

She said we are beginning in our district to talk about racism — "the institutional racism that goes unnoticed. We're confronting that racism and changing the way we do business."

Johnston said the district has made great strides in the past year in literacy, noting a strong showing among first-graders. "Our youngest students are learning to read, and read well." The district needs to continue to strengthen its efforts for older students, she said.

She urged parents to:

- Find out how well their children read;
- Read with their children daily (if the parents can't read, or can't read in English, they should tell stories);
- Seek help such as after-school or community reading support; and
- Stay committed.

While Crew called on parents and the community to do their part, his most pointed remarks were addressed to educators. Crew, former chancellor of New York City schools, is director of school reform initiatives for the Stupski Foundation, which is supporting West Contra Costa in its reform efforts.

Crew called on teachers to get to know their students bet-

ter. Schools, he said, have not done a good job of meeting the needs of children who don't speak English, of African-American and Hispanic boys, and children with "non-traditional lives" such as children in homeless shelters, foster care and children who have been pulled out of traditional classrooms and "cordoned off" in alternative programs.

"We have to suspend our judgment about the capacity of these children," he said. "I'm so tired of talking about what conditions people are living in. It's not about giving people excuses. It's about giving people skills."

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

library branches have resources as tax deadline looms

of the week:
As true as taxes is,
nothing's truer than them."
from "David Copperfield"
Charles Dickens, 1812-1870

DEFINITELY that time
As April 15 ap-
proaches, our ques-
tion from the simple
"Do you have tax
returns to the more com-
plex "Which tax form
should I file?" (um...)

At the end of this time, I
know form numbers
are like the 8863 (edu-
cated) and I know the
form numbers in my
reference desk. I
where both Lasser books
which forms can't be dupli-
cated. I wondered yet
why the 1040 isn't in-
cluded in the 1040 booklet any-

did this all start? Most
probably have some



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

idea of the history of taxes in this country, but since I have always been historically challenged, I went to the United States Treasury Department Web site and there it was: the History of the U.S. Tax System, an 11-page document.

It begins with: "For most of our nation's history, individual taxpayers rarely had any significant contact with Federal tax authorities..." which goes to show how much has changed.

After that, wars were waged and taxes were levied. Then, in 1781, the Articles of Confederation was adopted and again there was no nationwide tax system, with the national gov-

ernment "relying on donations from the States for its revenue." (I love this idea.) But, alas, in 1789 "the Federal Government was granted the authority to raise taxes."

These included excise taxes (a tax imposed on the sale or use of certain items) imposed on liquor sales "partly to restrain persons in low circumstances from an immoderate use thereof." Excise taxes on alcohol are still an issue today, as I discovered on the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States Web site. There, an illustration shows a \$10.62 bottle of alcohol, with \$5.67 of that amount going to taxes and fees.

And finally, in 1913 the 1040 form was introduced, which brings us to the present.

In case you are still working on that very form, or some version of it, here are some sug-

gestions for help or obtaining forms.

To start with, all Alameda County libraries carry federal and state forms and instructions. For the more unusual ones or if the library has run out of a certain form, there are binders with forms and instructions that can be photocopied.

The Richmond Public library has state and federal forms, as well as the binders, and Contra Costa County has the state forms and binders. Many libraries also have AARP tax assistance — call your library for more information about this. All of the libraries have links on their websites that will take you to online forms (in case you didn't know, tax forms can be downloaded and printed), useful telephone numbers and great websites. The Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII.org) has com-

plied an annotated list of sites, including 1040.com, taxtopics.net and taxgaga.com, which has tax and accountant jokes. Tax accountant jokes turn out to be very similar to lawyer jokes, by the way — I recognized several of them. But I still laughed.

Book review: This week's book review is from Ronnie and the book is Andre Dubus' novel "House of Sand and Fog." Ronnie says this book is "a tragic and mesmerizing story of two people with claims to the same California house." One word she would use to describe it is "absorbing" and she recommends it because "the characters and issues are complex but it is a fast 'read'."

I can be reached at the Albany Library or at jwinkelstein@aclib.org

ALBANY PTA NEWS

PTA Council

April 21, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AHS Library.

Albany High School

April 26, Junior-Senior Prom, 8 p.m. - midnight.

Ocean View Elementary

April 24, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library.

AUSD Board of Education

April 22, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room.

AUSD Calendar

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Visit www.elephantpharmacy.com for complete event listing.

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to afelds@oaktimes.com or fax to 510-339-4066.

Children

■ **Children's Social Skills** and Mothers workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. Details: 549-9682.

■ **LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent** groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's** Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

Classes

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome

and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Assets Senior** Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

■ **Julia Morgan Center** for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. Details: 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

■ **A free Cop Watch** class takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranjai Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave. Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.

■ **Dance and Fitness** Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; 430 for four classes.

Community

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1228 or e-mail bnc@netvalve.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 238-0490.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner. Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany,

Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**: volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays: free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

■ **SMART** project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-in** Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ **UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, presents a fibers and dyes exhibit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning April 11, and continuing through April 22. See plants—sampled largely from the Garden's collection—used by various cultures for weaving and dyeing. This is an annually repeating garden exhibit; available for scheduled tours by groups and schools. Free to the general public with garden admission. General admission: \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and \$1 children 3 to 18. For more information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Artist Judy Stone** exhibits a selection of her enameled artwork in the El Cerrito Library exhibit case throughout the month of April. Stone has been enameling since 1965, has shown her work in fine art galleries and craft fairs in the US and Europe. Her work is shown as part of the El Cerrito Library's "Local Artists" at the Library program. The library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave., in El Cerrito. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

■ **A New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., presents the exhibition "Kinetics" through June 1. Artists include Susan Pascal Beran, Zachary Coffin Bella Feldman, Phil Evans, Jeffery Laudenslager, Moto Ohtake, Mark Oldland, John Tyler, and Mark White. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7821 or visit the Web site at www.sculptureside.com.

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee

to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. Details: 510-642-3383.

■ **The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

■ **New Pieces Gallery** on Solano Avenue shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/workshop

■ **"Keepers of the Flame: Jewish Women's Roles and Rituals,"** a facili-

tated study and discussion. Chana Andler takes place at the Northbrae Community Center, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 510-3554 or www.berkeleycameraclub.org.

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** expanded its contemporary fiction, non-fiction, children's books. Meet the librarian, research your Jewish roots, check out best sellers. The open to the public. Hours: 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi Gong take place at Berkeley University at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings 9 a.m. Saturday mornings 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists 1924 Cedar St. People of all physical conditions are welcome. Practice. Donation: \$65. To 268-4995.

■ **The YWCA** offers free on its Turning Point Career Center. Enrollants outline the resources to the public as well as the things that the center has to as a great variety of workshops are held every Tuesday, at The Turning Point Career Center at 2600 Bancroft Way. Details call 848-6370.

■ **Learn Computer Applications** "working" world Using Windows '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 Word, Excel, Access, Power Publisher. Class offered: Monday 2:15 - 6:15 p.m. Location: CA County Office of Education, Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111. For information call 517-0182. Web site at www.cccoe.org.

■ **"What Is Meditation,"** is a practical introduction to meditation. The free session

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City hall

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variety of ways: Some \$673,000 would be derived from individual projects: for example, the \$100,000 that is to be used for restoration of the El Cerrito Creek. These projects would then be paid for with Redevelopment Agency money instead of coming from the general fund.

Various other sources would be tapped for another \$2.1 million, including Measure A parcel tax money, and \$290,000 that was earmarked for a library design.

Some \$1.1 million would come from the Redevelopment Agency grants and mitigation fee funds. That money would be used to pay for the central plaza, police improvements to the fire and police stations, the street in front of city hall and parking.

The remaining \$2 million would be made up in various ways, including having the Redevelopment Agency pay \$1.3 million, borrowing another \$1 million and reducing the city's

general fund balance from 20 to 17 percent of the city's total budget.

Councilmembers had different ideas about how the city should close the \$2 million gap. Mayor Mark Friedman said he wished the city could build a new library and senior center, but favored the plan as presented because it "allows us to do this without going into debt, which is pretty rare these days."

The City Council had made building a new city hall one of its top priorities. The city staff has been working for a year on figuring out where it could be built.

Erected in 1987, the current city hall is in a group of cramped portable trailers that city officials say have outlived their useful life and are a bad representation for the city.

Several residents at the meeting however, strongly objected. They said that juggling the city's finances to pay for the new building — while the state undergoes a budget crisis — could take away money from other important programs, such as creek restoration and street improvements.

"I think they planned it wrong and I think they're jeopardizing some programs to do this right now," said Ross Tobia.

"It's being built on economic quicksand," added Peter Loubal.

There were calls for the city to save its money and later build a civic center complete with a library, historical museum and senior center.

"The El Cerrito Library desperately needs more workspace, more room for children," said Grace MacNeil, chairwoman of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

But it would be difficult if not impossible for the city to raise the estimated \$20 million to \$40 million for a civic center, even during good economic times, City Manager Scott Hanin said.

Few projects would go unfunded to provide for the new city hall, he added. The council will have to decide whether to remove \$150,000 from a Portola field construction project or \$500,000 from street repairs. But in all other cases, he said, the projects the city has earmarked money for by will continue.

Calendar

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place at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. 844-0861.

Literary Events

■ **California Writers Club Berkeley Branch** presents Trina Robbins, artist from underground comics, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19, at the Rockridge Library, 5386 College Ave. Robbins, the first woman to draw for "Wonder Woman" comics, is a writer and artist of graphic novels, children's fiction, historical fiction, and, more recently, "Tender Murders," "The Great Women Cartoonists," and "The Great Women Superheroes." Free. Bring your lunch. 510-482-0265 or writetox@aol.com.

■ **Berkeley Public Library's Teen Playreaders** present a multilingual poetry reading in honor of National Poetry Month at 2 p.m. April 19, at the North Branch, 1170 The Alameda, at Hopkins. The Playreaders, who range from 13-18, perform, recite and read from the works of Rumi, Charles Baudelaire, Billy Collins, Edward Gorey, and many others. For details, call 510-981-6250.

■ **El Cerrito Library**, 6510 Stockton Ave., celebrates National Library Week

beginning at 11 a.m. April 12. Storyteller Yolanda Rhodes tells folktales from Africa and the Caribbean. These stories are geared for children in grades K-6. At noon, the Wen Wu School of Martial

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Comb or brush not a gift from grandma.
Toothbrush and tube-shaped container with a screw-on top and toothpaste.
Old pillowcase or small cheap laundry bag for dirty clothes. Plastic bags will last less than a day.
Poncho or raincoat.

Clothing

Send one change of clothes for every day your child is at camp, excluding the first. (If you have a boy, in all likelihood upon his return, half of his clothes will still be clean.)
Send plenty of tee shirts.
Pajamas that will neither draw nor require much attention. Often a sweatshirt works well.
Send along one extra pair of comfortable walking shoes. Make sure they've been worn many times before, yet still fit. Shoes require neither flashing lights nor superstar endorsements.
A baseball cap to protect your child from the sun and elements. If the cap has sentimental or material value, write your child's name on the inside rim using a permanent marker.
Shorts that fit properly and dry rapidly.
At least one pair of durable long pants. This is especially important in areas where there may

be ticks, if your child is susceptible to sunburn, or if horseback riding is available.

- Layers of clothing for cold nights or days. Usually children are either too hot or too cold in a heavy jacket and feel their movement restricted. A couple of sweaters and sweatshirts and a windbreaker should work.
- Bandannas are useful as sweatbands, handkerchiefs and a zillion other purposes.

Other gear and supplies

- A flashlight with new batteries and an extra set. You might as well spend two extra bucks and get the good kind. Make sure the flashlight works before you send it.
- Lip balm and sunscreen. Avoid scented products that might attract bees, bugs, or serve as a stand-in for lunch.
- Insect repellent. Check warning labels before buying.

- Dr. Scholl's foot patches or small Band-Aids in case your child gets a blister on his or her feet.
- A small, sample bottle of unscented, water-soluble skin lotion.
- A portable water container. Avoid imported plastic products.
- If you send your child's stuff in a duffel bag, make certain it is water resistant. Backpacks are often damaged in transit.
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Cal Day: informative fun

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Highlights include a reading by former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass, a lecture by Nobel laureate economist George Akerlof, a display of original Mark Twain manuscripts and a 2003 Golden Bears football scrimmage.

"Cal Day is always great fun and for us, it is a wonderful opportunity to share the richness of our campus with the public," said Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl. "We encourage everyone to join us on Cal Day and experience first-hand why Californians can be justifiably proud of their extraordinary system of public higher education."

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cal

Day offers a chance to view campus museums, where admission is free for the day, and laboratories, many of which are usually open only to researchers.

"You'd never be able to see or do a lot of this otherwise," said Diana Musto, Cal Day coordinator.

Prospective college students can drop by Dwinelle Plaza for the all-day "Kindergarten to College" resource fair, organized to help students and their families prepare for college.

Motorized cable cars will travel around campus offering 30-minute tours with student guides pointing out highlights and telling history. Visitors will be able to hop off to explore places along the way, including campus museums.

A full-size cast of a Tyrannosaurus Rex will be on display at the Museum of Paleontology. Campus libraries offer original Mark Twain manuscripts and rare footage of Twain himself in

an event hosted by experts from the Mark Twain Project.

Sports events include skateboarding clinics and wall climbs, as well as the 11 a.m. football scrimmage at Memorial Stadium.

Consult the following calendar for additional events.

CAL DAY EVENTS

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

■ **Newly admitted students** are invited to meet Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl at the New Student Information Session at Haas Pavilion. Information sessions will also be held on academic programs, financial aid, housing and other campus services.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **RecFest!** Experience the fun of Cal Recreation with sports clubs and gymnastics demonstrations, a fencing demonstration, skateboarding clinics and sports challenges for all ages. Music, program information and a drawing for great prizes. Dana Court, Spieker Plaza.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **The Natural History of Eucalyptus in California, or Why Are the Bluegum Trees on Campus So Big?**

The eucalyptus is California's largest naturalized citizen. Learn the history and ecology of what is possibly the tallest eucalyptus stand in North America. Professor John Battles, Eucalyptus Grove, West Gate.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ **Critters, Creepers, and Crawlers.** Discover animal diversity at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. Introduce yourself to a slithery snake or shy, furry tuco. Curators, researchers, staff and students will present a wide variety of exhibits and displays. Go behind the scenes and view research collections normally closed to the public. Experts will answer visitors' questions. 3101 Valley Life Sciences Building.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ **Then and Now: Students Photograph the Berkeley Campus.** A selection of historical and contemporary photographs of the Berkeley campus, as created by students, examines the evolution of campus life. Jack Von Ew, curator of the Pictorial Collection, The Bancroft Library.

10 to 11 a.m.

■ **Is Anybody Out There?** Learn how astronomers are searching for extraterrestrial civilizations with help from four million SETI@home volunteers.

You can also hear about the latest planetary research at the Space Sciences Laboratory. Dr. Dan Werthimer, director, SETI Project, 1 Pimentel Hall.

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■ **Fun with Fossils.** Experience the thrill of finding fossils of animals millions of years old in this hands-on activity. You may discover Cretaceous microfossils, gas scales, turtle shells, even dinosaur teeth! 3007 Valley Life Sciences Building.

■ **Robotic Racing Cars.** Vroom! Student-made vehicles race a 100-meter course under computer control, avoiding obstacles and staying on a track. Professor Ron Fearing and students, 240 Cory Hall.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ **Microscopic Robots.** Small is beautiful in the Berkeley Sensor and Actuator Center. See a microscopic robot, motors and sensors that fit on the head of a pin, tiny "smart dust" wireless sensors and a 2-mm-high model of the Campanile. Professor Kris Pister and graduate student Sarah Bergbreiter, 400 Cory Hall.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Automobile Collision Warning and Avoidance Systems.** Sneak a peek at the workings of the advanced controls

for automated vehicles. Professor Karl Hedrick, Hesse Hall, parking by main doors.

■ **You Are What You Eat.** What happens after you chew and swallow food? What kinds of foods keep you healthy and strong? Undergraduate Nutritional Sciences students will show kids how to make good food choices. Undergraduate Dietetic Association, 120 Morgan Hall.

■ **Living in a Seismically Active Region: Earthquake Preparedness.** Safety. It's earth-shaking! Check out the miniature earthquake simulator and get tips on safety and preparedness. Earthquake Engineering Research Center, Bechtel Engineering Center, Garbarini Lounge.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ **Engineering Student Vehicles.** Move over, Detroit. See the latest student design and engineering. Berkeley's solar car, a human-powered vehicle, and the racy concept car. Memorial Glade east.

■ **The 11th Annual Celebration of Children's Literature.** Author and illustrator appearances and book signings will feature National Book winner Nancy Farmer and author/illustrator Ruth Heller. Also will be writers Ann Arnold, Remy

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Rescue

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window and saw smoke."

He called 911 and a group of neighbors helped to get Mendoza's animals, including her birds and two dogs, out of the burning home. Mendoza was panicked, her hair singed and skin slightly burned.

The day after the fire, neighbors gathered to brainstorm about what they could do for Mendoza. They had fliers made and collected \$2,000 in cash plus clothes and furnishings for her home, including drapes, a queen-size bed, a refrigerator, carpet, cabinets and sheet rock. Students and parents at Marin Elementary School collected clothes, diapers and money.

"There was a neighbor who didn't even know Lupe who contributed \$300," said Wagg.

Volunteers have been reconstructing Mendoza's home through the nonprofit organization Rebuilding Together and will continue until the project's scheduled May 8 completion date.

"It made me feel happy and proud to be part of the neighborhood," said Weber. "It made me feel if something happened here I wouldn't feel completely alone, and with all that's happening in the world, we're making good news."

On a recent sunny Saturday, more than a dozen people were working on the home. They included two journeymen and four apprentices from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 595 from Pleasanton rewiring the home, and volunteers helping to demolish what was left of the kitchen and an outdoor shed, to make way for a new infrastructure, furniture and appliances.

Dana Milner, the president-elect of the Albany Rotary Club and Bruce Dixon, the first vice-president of the Albany Lions

Club, are overseeing the project.

"It's a real coming together of community and neighbors, and that's what this program is all about — neighbors helping neighbors — and you can see it in action right here," said Milner.

"I feel very good, you know, it's making me excited," said Mendoza, who has been staying with a neighbor across the street from her home for several weeks. "Everybody on this block is very good to me."

Mendoza is originally from La Conial de Baje, Mexico, and moved to the Bay Area in 1964. She and her husband, Roy Mendoza, opened the Monterey Mexican restaurant on Gilman Street in Berkeley in 1983 and after 12 years, were kicked out of the building to make way for a pizza parlor. Mendoza moved the restaurant to the corner of Solano and Santa Fe avenues, and closed it in 1996. She moved to Albany in 1984, and her husband died of stomach cancer two years later.

Scheduled to take a total of about eight working days, Mendoza's home is the biggest project of the Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville chapter of Rebuilding Together, which is rebuilding 29 homes and 10 nonprofit facilities in the area.

The organization, formerly called Christmas in April, was started in Midland, Texas, in 1972 and now has 255 different affiliates throughout the country, with 14 in the Bay Area. It helps the elderly and low-income residents and nonprofit groups, said Rachel Trachten, the director of the local Rebuilding Together affiliate.

"I think Mrs. Mendoza is a popular and well-known person in the community," Trachten added. "She used to own a restaurant so there really has been an outpouring of people coming to help."

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Survey

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city hall because of the expense.

Hanin noted that the city is operating under a balanced budget and is scheduled to do so through fiscal year 2004.

But city costs will increase, including retirement and medical benefits and insurance premiums and possible salary hikes related to new fire and police bargaining agreements in 2004 and 2006. That, combined with the state potentially taking money away, will make it more difficult to balance future budgets, as expenses are likely to outpace the city's revenues.

According to a city report, "the underlying reason for doing this research now is to plan for

the future long-term health of the city rather than to react."

The city did formal surveys in 1988, 1991 and 1992 and 1996. It likes to periodically see what priorities residents have for spending money, Hanin said. In addition, it fulfills an objective of the City Council to do further outreach to residents.

At its April 7 meeting, by a 4-0 vote, the City Council authorized spending up to \$48,466 for the services of Godbe Research & Analysis to conduct the surveys. The firm uses focus groups, telephone surveys and interviews with key city stakeholders for its research.

Hanin said the results could be in by late June.

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Vote on Cerrito Theater lease set May 5

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Agency will decide May 5 whether Speakeasy Theaters, the owner of the Parkway Theater in Oakland, will operate the Cerrito Theater.

The Redevelopment Agency, which owns the Cerrito Theater, has been negotiating a lease with Kyle and Catherine Fischer, the owners of Speakeasy. At its Monday meeting, the City Council,

acting as the Redevelopment Agency, agreed to move forward with a tentative lease that could be finalized May 5.

The Redevelopment Agency also will approve a development agreement which spells out how much each party will contribute to the theater's renovation.

"It's a long-term lease at a market-rate rent," said redevelopment manager Lori Trevino. "The idea is that we're wanting to make sure that we're not giv-

ing a gift to the Fischers unnecessarily."

Under the tentative agreement, Speakeasy would lease the theater for 25 years with a monthly \$10,000 minimum rent.

The redevelopment agency purchased the Cerrito Theater last June for more than \$500,000 after residents lobbied to restore the 1930s-era movie house. Many residents view the building as a significant city landmark.

The Parkway Theater serves

beer and food and has chairs, couches and loves addition to standard movie seating. Speakeasy likely operate a one-screen Cerrito Theater in similar way.

If all goes as planned, development agency choose a contractor and begin plan this December. Renovations could begin later, Trevino said.

"The best case scenario, we can start construction early next year," she said.

Voters

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to get residents' views on waterfront development, said Albany community development director Ann Chaney.

About 120 people attended the first meeting in January, and about 100 came to the second meeting on April 3.

At that meeting, one group reported that they were in favor of a ferry at the foot of Gilman Street but were concerned about parking.

Another group wanted to see parking placed under the Interstate 80-580 interchange, and another group reported that they wanted other uses for the track, such as a skateboard park or golf course.

But the majority of groups reported that they wanted the waterfront as a natural area with recreational uses, to connect the

Bay Trail and to have some limited commercial development, hidden from the shoreline, as well.

"I personally see a small-scale, compact-density, mixed-use development concentrated at a transit connection, i.e. a ferry," said Albany resident David Arkin. "Most likely that's at the foot of Gilman Street."

Albany Councilman Allan Maris said a restaurant or hotel could open up the waterfront to more people, but he also wants to see the shoreline preserved as much as possible.

"I think the way the waterfront is shut off from the city now is a real shame," Maris said. "But I want a peaceful place for people to enjoy and I don't want big development with more cars and traffic."

The Sierra Club and the Citizens for Eastshore State Park are against any development, because of Magna's intention to keep the racetrack where it is.

If development occurs while the racetrack is present, it will make the property much more valuable and therefore more difficult for the racetrack to be removed in the future, said Norman La Force, chair of the Sierra Club East Bay Public Lands Committee. Making the land more valuable would make it more difficult for a public agency to buy it and would encourage Magna to build even more development, La Force said.

Keeping the racetrack would force development into areas where it otherwise would not go, said Robert Cheasty, the president of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park.

Whatever isn't being used by Golden Gate Fields should be a part of the Eastshore Park, Cheasty said.

"The last thing in the world that we would want to see is a race track in the middle of the park ... we would never allow it, we would fight to the end over this," he said.

Provided the racetrack moved, the Sierra Club and Eastshore Park group have proposed limiting development to 325,000 square feet, which members say would generate a million in annual sales tax revenue twice what the racetrack now for the city, members said.

Results of the second survey will go into "alternative plans" that will be presented to residents later this year. They will be one or two more meetings which are being run by consultants MIG, a Berkeley and planning firm.

The city began holding meetings independently Magna plan, Chaney said. The idea is simply to find out what residents want to see on the front. "This is a city of Albanyers-decision process," Chaney said. "We're simply wanting to question of the folks here, your vision for Golden Fields?"

Tai chi

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transfer over to their career and personal lives.

Richmond resident Bruce Pao said he's been practicing for 10 years and favors it over coffee to get energized in the morning.

"I come here on Sundays. To me it's like a church," said Pao, a 55-year-old architect. "It's a meditative thing, it's centering, it's a great way to start the week."

After moving to the Bay Area from Taiwan, Yun Chun Chiang and his wife Hui Lui opened the Wen Wu

Wu ("culture/academics/martial arts") School in Albany 30 years ago and moved to El Cerrito in 1985.

Chiang helped successfully lobby the state to begin certifying Chinese medicine practitioners. That led to the Chung Hua clinic opening within the school in 1976.

The school has grown to 12 affiliates in 11 states. In El Cerrito, there are 22 teachers and there have been more than 5,000 students. Teachers from the Wen Wu school also teach qigong and tai chi at hospitals and colleges throughout the Bay Area.

Erlene Chiang, the daughter of the now-retired founders, said the school's message is one of peace and self-healing. Students and teachers become friends and take care of each other, she said.

"We're really like brothers and sisters, we're really like family," said Chiang, who is also a doc-

tor at the Chung Hua clinic.

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When to trade up

Consider both
actions involved
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HUMAN NEWS FEATURES
Two-bedroom, one-bath home may work well for a person. But, add a partner couple of children to the and you can easily justify a three- or four-bedroom home. Most first-time homebuyers are trade-up buyers as their lifestyle

changes. A trade-up move is more common than buying a first home. It involves two transactions instead of one. However, the danger of coming up with the cash, which stymies first-time buyers, may not be an issue for a trade-up buyer. Most homeowners have seen the value of their homes increase through home price appreciation. In some places, prices have doubled in the last six years.

They say that you bought your first home for \$300,000 six years ago and it's now \$600,000 down and a 50 percent mortgage. Today you sell your home for \$600,000. Your equity is equal to \$300,000 minus the costs of selling. When this equity is cashed out, you'll be able to use the cash to down payment on a more expensive home. Trade-up buyers have seen savings to buy a new

home without having to tap the equity in their current home. But, for most trade-up buyers, the biggest dilemma involves how to convert this equity into cash.

There are several options. You can sell your home before you buy a new one. The advantage of this approach is that you know precisely how much money you have to work with. The disadvantage is that you may have to move into a rental if you can't find a home to buy in time.

Another option is to borrow against the equity in your current home, and sell that home after you find a home to buy. This way you avoid having to make an interim move. But if the market changes in between the time you buy the new home and sell the old one, you could sell for less than you anticipated.

You might try to avoid the pitfalls of the above approaches by buying the new home contingent on the sale of the old home. However, to do this, you must find a seller who will accept a contingent sale offer. Contingent sale offers are virtually non-existent in active real estate markets where buyer demand is high.

Deciding on which approach to use will depend on current market conditions in your area, on your personal financial situation and on your tolerance for risk. Consult with your real estate agent and financial advisor before making a decision.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Recent home price appreciation combined with record-low interest rates makes this a particularly good time to make a trade-up move. A trade-up move often involves a larger mortgage than you carried on your starter home. Low interest rates make it possible to qualify for a larger mortgage.

Thirty-year fixed rate loans are available in the low 5 to 6 percent range. Much lower rates are available on mortgages that are fixed for five years. But, as attractive as these loans might be, consider that you might be faced with refinancing in five years at a rate that's significantly higher than today's rate.

THE CLOSING: In some markets, like the San Francisco Bay Area, home prices have softened on more expensive properties, but have remained strong on lower-priced properties. It's in these markets that trade-up buyers have a distinct advantage. There may be high demand for the less expensive home you're selling and less competition for the more expensive home you want to buy.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Historic John Hudson Thomas home in Berkeley



THIS MAGNIFICENT JOHN HUDSON THOMAS HOME at 1104 Keith Ave., Berkeley, was built in 1913 for Arthur and Julia Weiss in the Cragmont Tract of Alameda County before it was annexed to Berkeley. Dr. Weiss, who had a doctorate in Musicology, was principal cellist with the San Francisco Symphony for 30 years. The home became an integral part of the music scene when world-renowned visiting conductors were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Weiss. This home has had only two owners, the present owner having lived there since 1964.

The property consists of two houses on two separate lots. Together they form one continuous Japanese garden on almost one-third of an acre. The garden was created by the same landscape architects who designed the gardens of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, with a waterfall, streams, bridges, meandering paths, stepping stones, dwarf cypress, maple, and cherry trees, and a tea house. Japanese-style gates and fences enclose the property. The garden was featured in Life magazine in the mid-1930s.

The main house is approximately 6,000 square feet with panoramic bay views. The sun porch was enclosed by Maybeck in 1935 with his signature windows and doors. A magnificent 20-foot front hedge provides absolute privacy.

Price: \$2,500,000 Agent: Mary Hanna, Century 21 Heritage, 510-339-8900, ext. 253, mhanna@heritagerealestate.com

Take care refinancing with lines of credit

BY GEORGE KARVEL
KNIGHT-RIDDER

Q: We have a question regarding paying off our current 6.8 percent mortgage with a balance of \$18,750 over the next five years with our equity line of credit which also has about five and a zero balance at present. The current variable rate is, we, 4.8 percent.

We can't see any downside to paying off the mortgage with the line of credit and then treating the line of credit as our first mortgage without paying any refinancing charges, etc. Are we missing something?

A: There are two potential problems with your strategy of using a personal line of credit to pay off your mortgage. First, a line of credit is not a mortgage

and only mortgage interest is tax deductible. The IRS will likely frown on treating a nonmortgage as a mortgage in order to claim a tax deduction.

Second, over the next five years it is highly probable that interest rates will rise, in all likelihood to more than your current 6.875 percent mortgage loan. Consequently, I do not believe that a 4.81 percent, variable-rate

credit line is the bargain you believe it to be.

Q: I have a question on measuring a two-story house. If a house has a high ceiling all the way to the second-floor ceiling over the living room, how is the square feet calculated in this case? Is the lower floor measured and then doubled to get

the total or is the square feet of the living room subtracted because there is no floor space above the living room? A house with 1,000 square feet on the first floor could be a 2,000-square-foot house or 1,700 square feet for a 15 by 20 living room. Which is correct?

A: Unfortunately, there is no

standard method for measuring a home's square footage. The simplest approach is to measure a home's exterior. This method, however, will yield more square feet than the sum of square feet for all interior measurements. Vaulted ceilings are counted by

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Questions

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some at one-half the square feet of the area below, by others not counted at all and by yet others at the full amount of the area below. Take your choice.

One thing does appear certain, however. No two people will come up with the same measurement. After seeing a home, if the reported square feet is of great importance, a buyer or tenant should measure it themselves.

Q: I contacted Quicken loans last Oct. 1 about (refinancing) on my house. The company's representative told me I could download the necessary documents and return them, and the process would take about two weeks. After four weeks and several attempts to contact him I found he had left the company and shelved my documents. Finally I made contact with another rep. This delay caused a discrepancy in the original fair disclosure that I received. The rep told me as of Dec. 1 that the government mandated an additional fee. The original disclosure called for .125 points for a nonescrow account. The papers that arrived one hour before signing included .625 points because of the government fees. Who can I file a complaint with?

A: If mortgage loan officers are licensed in your state, you could file a complaint with the appropriate licensing authority. Additionally you could file complaints with the Attorney General's Office and/or the Better Business Bureau. You should also present the facts to an attorney in the event you may be able to bring a civil action for fraud or damages. I'm

not sure, however, that anything has occurred inappropriately other than a failure to inform you of a change in fees charged for nonescrow accounts.

Q: You mention many times in your column implementing a tax-advantaged strategy for rental property before you sell the property. I currently own a four-family rental unit. I do not reside at the property. What steps should I be taking before selling the property?

A: The reason I tell everyone to plan their tax strategy before they sell property is that it is too late to do after the sale — the only option left is to pay your taxes.

The sale of real property has two types of tax-advantaged sales strategies. One is an installment sale. Properly structured, the seller is allowed to defer payment of taxes on gains until the money is received. This method requires the seller to provide financing to the buyer.

The second method is a tax-free exchange. This is essentially a trade of one property for another that allows deferral of taxable gains and taxes until the property received in trade is sold. Both methods require careful structuring to comply with IRS rules. Neither should be attempted without professional guidance.

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The art (and craft) of pricing a house

Number 424 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Much of our time lately has been taken up with trying to figure how much certain houses may sell for. The value of a given house depends, of course, on quite a number of factors, and figuring out what that might be is not an exact science, but rather, a guessimate.

We think, and we search for similar sales to find the highest potential price. We are careful not to go too high because overpriced houses, even today, languish on the market. They frequently require price reductions, and sell, experience indicates, for less than if they had been priced properly at the beginning.

We've also found, although it is sometimes unavoidable, that if we estimate value between, say, \$550,000 and \$575,000, human nature being what it is, the owner will lock into his brain the higher number. He will be terribly disappointed if that price turns out to be wrong.

Our first step after seeing a house is to talk together about the strengths and weaknesses of that house. The location will likely be the most important factor in the price it will bring. But size and style, condition, appeal to the greatest number of buyers must be figured into the equation as well.

To make matters more complicated, it is often the case that owners intend to make improvements before selling. As the work has not yet been done, we don't know what the end result will be, yet we must take into account that the floors will be refinished, the entire interior repainted, or the garden redone.

Our conversation after we leave a house after seeing it for the first time might go something like this: "The location couldn't be better. Great block close to good coffee, freeways, restaurants. And it's 'cute' — stylish, warm, pretty windows. The third bedroom is quite small but it is a real bed-

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room with a closet, and the kitchen, while not glitzy, is inviting and clean. Indoor-outdoor access is good too. The yard needs some work. Maybe we should suggest that the floor in the main bathroom be replaced; it looks pretty bad. But we should get some reports first." And so forth.

Now we go to the multiple listing computer to look at sale prices in the area, also other houses nearby that are currently for sale. Although we have probably seen most or all of these as they came up on the market, we want to remind ourselves of them, how large they were, how well they "showed," and what the listing and sales prices were.

It is easier to price some houses than others. Houses on very large lots, those with only one bedroom, or no heat, houses that were built at the top of a long flight of stairs, or ones in very poor condition are more difficult to price. Any house that has something different about it, something we'll have trouble comparing to other houses, whether considered an asset or a detriment, can be hard to value.

After pulling from the multiple listing houses that seem similar in size, style, condition or location (few may be truly like the one we're working on), we sit down and study the individual sheets. We make notes: "Lot larger, bay view, did not show well." Or, "About the same size, but interior dated and it took a long time to sell."

Sometimes, after hours of doing this, we are still unsure about the right pricing. We search our

memories for other houses, call agent friends to ask about listings we haven't been able to find on the computer, go back further in time for older sales than we would prefer to consider.

We may have to give the owners of a house more than one price. We may say that we think the price for the house as it is right now will be X, but if, after inspections tell us more, and if certain work is done on the house, the price could be Y.

It is almost always true that houses can be sold the way they are, that no changes must be made in order to sell. But to receive the highest price in the shortest amount of time, often it makes sense to spend time and money to update, improve, show the house in its best light. The trick is to figure out which items should be attended to, which will bring the highest return for money and effort spent.

Recently we were invited by the owners of a house in a most desirable location to tell them what we thought their house would sell for if they decide to move in the next six months. It is a lovely house, full of most attractive details, including a knock-out kitchen.

We found it so desirable, that surprisingly (this doesn't happen often), we couldn't come up with a single suggestion for improving it. After a lot of research and thought, we wrote a letter to the owners describing sales we felt gave the most current information



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about their house and estimate of its present value.

The day after we made the sale, we learned that a sale on another house of the same size and style, dated within two blocks, had closed escrow. The neighboring house had felt, listed in approximately "right" range. We were a little disappointed to learn that the actual sale was \$150,000 over our estimate. More than any of us dreamed of.

What could possibly explain this price? It is that this sale is another. How do we factor this into our values? We called the agents to give them the news. We said we certainly hope that their house is more than any of us dreamed of.

In this case, we have seen what will happen in a neighborhood as others are offered for sale. Dealers on the future, we can list the price. But even if not have the luxury of time, it is the case that buyers mine value. Given appropriate, houses sell for someone is willing to pay what the owner is asking.

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Cashman, Lin open Berkeley office

KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY
Keller Williams Realty Golden Gate office has opened for business at 1512 A Walnut St. in Berkeley. Broker Margaret Lin is office's operating partner and John Cashman, CRB is the broker of record.
As new owners, Margaret and John have a combined 38 years of real estate experience. They welcome you to stop by and visit their 1910 Victorian next to the original Peets at Walnut Square. "We are dedicated to the real estate profession," said Margaret.
"We are on a mission to find the best individuals and use the Keller Williams system to launch them to their highest potential." John is past president of the Berkeley Association of Realtors and serves on the BAR board of directors. He is the past regional

chair for the California Association of Realtors.

Margaret received her real estate license at age 23 after attending UC Berkeley. She later co-owned and managed a small business in San Francisco and received her BS in small business management from San Francisco State. She is a second-generation Realtor who speaks Mandarin and Taiwanese as well as translates simultaneously.

Marian Jean has over 25 years of real estate management, consulting and training experience. She brings this experience and expertise to the board of directors at Keller Williams Golden Gate.

"We hope to bring excellence in service through Keller Williams to the real estate professional community here in Berkeley," said Cashman.

As new owners of the Keller Williams Realty Golden Gate office, Margaret Lin and John Cashman have combined 38 years of real estate experience. They welcome you to stop by and visit them in the 1910 Victorian next to the original Peets at Walnut Square in Berkeley.

What is the best day to close a loan? It depends.

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS

TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: We are looking into financing. Several months ago I wrote that certain days of the month are better for closing than others. What were those dates again? Also, you of all people should know about the junk fees lenders try to incorporate into their closing costs. You weren't kidding. I've shopped around, and the lender I chose seems to be a processing fee of anywhere between \$200 and \$500. Is there any way to avoid junk fees?

Dear Becky: The best day to close a home purchase or a refinance mortgage is the last business day of the month, unless it's a Monday or the day after a holiday. Then you should close the prior business day so you don't pay interest for days when you don't have use of the money. Closing borrowers usually pay the mortgage interest at the end of the current month. Most borrowers want to pay this interest payment as late as possible, so closing late in the month is advantageous. For example, if you close on Feb. 28, you'll only have one day of interest to pay at the end of the month. Since mortgage interest rates are at all-time lows, you first

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AT THE CELEBRATION:
Margaret Lin, far left, takes a moment with her partner, John Cashman, and board member Marian Jean during the festivities at their new office. Lin and Cashman recently opened a Keller Williams Realty office in Berkeley. Broker Margaret Lin is the office's operating partner and John Cashman, CRB is the broker of record. Marian Jean serves on the board of directors.

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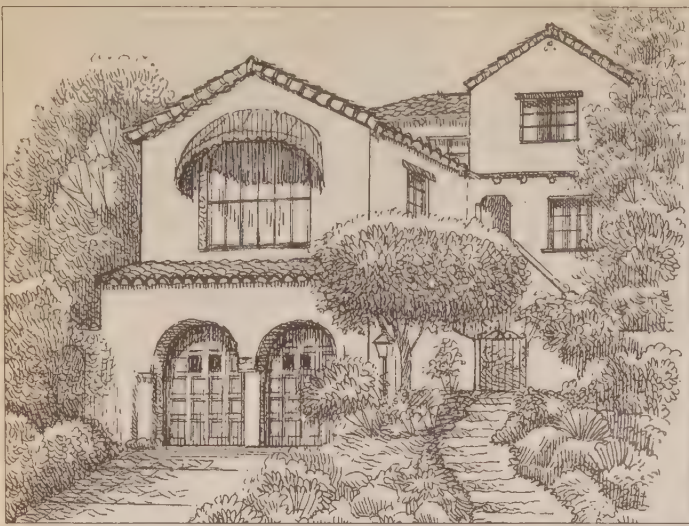
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Prudential Realtor Anthony Riggins launches his career with style

■ Promises to bring sense of history back to the neighborhood

Prudential California Realty Anthony Riggins recently hosted over 200 neighbors and friends at his home in Crocker Highlands to launch his new career with the Piedmont office. He has launched many products for the enterprise technology world as a vice president for a number of software companies over the past 10 years. Riggins has now returned to his first career — that of real estate — where often, there is more to the "product" than the house being bought or sold.

While many buyers and sellers view the home as the "product," indeed, a key aspect to the whole product is the Realtor. Riggins — with his commitment to providing every client with caring and knowledgeable personal services — along with the home is key to a successful transaction.

A personal touch

Prior to high-tech sales leadership, Riggins served as vice president of commercial lending for two national banks in northern California and Texas. This followed his initial career as a top Houston real estate producer. With his personal touch, which no doubt will become a hallmark of the service he provides to clients, Riggins hand delivered invitations to his neighbors. The high touch approach resulted in a successful turnout of neighbors who came to eat, drink and celebrate Anthony as their newest neighborhood Realtor.

The launch party was a way to introduce not only his business background to his neighbors, but also his skills in presentation and selling.

Riggins attributes his successful launch party to several factors. First and foremost, notes Riggins, who has lived in Crocker Highlands for the last 13 years, you have to know a lot of neighbors. "Walking two miniature schnauzers around the block three times a day, hosting many neighborhood dinners, and socializing at other neighbors' homes, results in knowing a lot of residents."

Special delivery

Second, his partner, Dr. Lee Hambrick, is an obstetrician-gynecologist at Summit and Alta Bates hospitals and has delivered at least 30 babies in the neighborhood.

"Together we know a lot of our neighbors, and it helps to live in such a friendly community." In addition to working with existing homeowners in Crocker Highlands and the surrounding neighborhoods who will be selling their homes, Riggins also will provide real estate services to those neighbors with children who have plans to move to Piedmont to take advantage of enrolling their children in the Piedmont public schools.

"One of the reasons I chose the Piedmont office for Prudential California Realty is so I can work with my neighbors who are looking to enroll their children in a school district such as Piedmont's," he says.

"As much as we hate to lose good neighbors in Crocker Highlands, we do want them to stay

nearby so we can keep a social relationship with them."

Working in Piedmont adds to Riggins' overall knowledge base and keeps him best informed as to the current market conditions. This allows him to inform his Oakland hills clients as quickly as possible when their type of Piedmont home is coming to the market. However, staying focused on bringing buyers and sellers together in Crocker Highlands and neighboring communities is Riggins' overall priority.

A very special setting

The setting for the launch party was at Anthony's home at 971 Grosvenor Place. The home is one of Crocker Highland's premier Spanish Mediterranean homes built in 1929 for day-to-day comfort and for entertaining large gatherings.

Upon entering the home, you encounter a large foyer with options to go into the den, dining room or dramatic living room. The walk down living room is 15 x 25 feet and has 14-foot-long-wood-beamed ceilings.

The huge picture window showcases one of the largest Christmas trees in the neighborhood during the holidays.

Many of Crocker Highlands' residents belong to Lakeshore Home's Association formed in 1917, which is the second oldest homeowners association west of the Mississippi. Across the Bay in San Francisco, St. Francis Wood boasts the oldest homeowners association; it filed its articles of incorporation five years earlier, in 1912.

The Lakeshore Homes Association's primary objective was

"to preserve and increase the wonderful natural beauty of the property. Secondly, the purchaser of the lots would be secure in the feeling that his home can never be damaged by any unsightly or undesirable structure upon adjacent property or in any section of the tract," as noted in the original articles of incorporation. Those objectives are still honored and prioritized that way today. Lakeshore Highlands, as it was called in 1917, was created by Oakland developer Walter H. Leimert.

This neighborhood was developed and promoted as "the best example of modern scientific home-park developing. Nothing approaching it in attractiveness or in natural beauty ever has or will be offered to the seeker of ideal home conditions in the Bay Region," said an advertisement in The San Francisco Chronicle in 1917. To add further credibility to the obvious beauty of Lakeshore Highlands, Leimert hired the Olmsted brothers from Boston, the premier landscape architects of the time. Their father, Frederick Law Olmsted, designed Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery.

Romance from the start

The original homeowners in 1929 had a romantic beginning in the home, which, regrettably, was quickly followed with an economically tragic ending. As a Valentine's gift for his spouse in 1929, Harriet, Norman Bennett took out the deed for the construction of the home.

Norman spent \$8,000 for the home — a lot of money in 1929. It was the most money paid for

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the construction of a Lakeshore Highlands home in 1929 and 1930. The average cost for the homes in 1929 and 1930 was between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

He hired architect W. W. Dixon to construct a Spanish Mediterranean home for his wife. In the 1920s, Dixon was a master of the prevalent Period Revival school of design as it was applied to small houses. Dixon advocated the "little features that suggest and give the character and feeling of the larger, more expensive home." Dixon was the architect of over 300 homes in Crocker Highlands, Piedmont, Glenview, Rockridge and in St. Francis Wood.

He shied away from the boxy designs of homes popular in San Francisco. He traveled extensively in Europe and specialized in residential home designs of Spanish, Italian, Norman and Swiss chalet types. In the end, Norman was delivered a home of his dreams.

However, he could not have predicted the effects the disastrous 1929 stock market crash would have: Bennett earned his livelihood as a stockbroker.

LAUNCHING A CAREER
Prudential Realtor Anthony Riggins and his broker, Marlene Daniels Bottani, enjoy the festivities at Riggins' home. The beauty of the home, far left, and he shares with his partner, Dr. Lee Hambrick, has a story all its own.

Repeat after me, Dorothy: There's no place like home for tax deduction

BY KIM MARTIE
COLDWELL, BANKER

Individual retirement accounts are great. Charitable donations are indeed admirable. And the standard deduction is ok as far as it goes. But when it comes to saving money on your taxes, there's really no place like home.

As the dreaded April 15 tax deadline approaches, most Cali-

than their rent given the rising cost of living

As a real estate expert, I don't profess to be a tax expert. I always recommend my clients seek advice from their CPA or other tax professional. But as a rule, I can tell you that there are several short-term and long-term financial benefits from home ownership. Let's look at a few.

owe no tax on the first \$250,000 of gain from the sale of a principal residence. The amount is \$500,000 for married couples filing jointly, and this exemption can be more than once.

■ A large percentage of Californians are single homeowners and the \$250,000 exemption listed above can be used by multiple homeowners that own and

■ Real estate in California has been a better long-term investment than the stock market. The power of leveraging is the key to excellent returns on your real estate investment. A \$50,000 investment with a 10 percent return cannot match the same investment used as a down payment on a \$500,000 house.

All of these factors make buying a home one of the best financial decisions consumers will ever make. So as this year's tax deadline approaches, now's the time to begin thinking of ways to lessen next year's tax bill.

Repeat after me, "There's no place like home."

Kim Martie, is branch manager for Coldwell Banker's Pleasanton office overseeing a talented team of sales associates. She can be reached at 925-847-2200

By making the move from renting to owning, homebuyers are in effect putting money back into their own pocket instead of their landlord's. Not only are they avoiding taxes that they would otherwise have to pay the state and federal government, they are building equity in their homes. For many people, the rising value of Bay Area real estate translates into their most profitable retirement account somewhere down the road.

formians are counting their blessings that they have the deductions that come with owning a home. But surprisingly enough, millions of people who could qualify for a mortgage are still choosing to rent, missing out on the very best tax deductions Uncle Sam has to offer.

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Although the monthly mortgage payment may appear daunting for first-time buyers, the after-tax cost in "real dollars" may not be much more than they're paying today for rent. What's more, after a few years their mortgage payments will probably be less

■ Most homeowners can deduct property taxes and interest paid on their mortgage every year of ownership. Plus the cost of "points" (loan origination fees) paid in the year of purchase can be deducted as well. Bear in mind that in the early years, most of a mortgage payment is interest. Even in the 10th year, the payment is still 75 percent interest. All of that is tax deductible.

■ Homeowners can borrow against the equity they build. Equity from a home can be used to improve the property, buy a car or pay for an education, and homeowners may have the ability to deduct the interest from their federal taxes. Renters never have this opportunity.

■ Real estate — particularly in Northern California — has appreciated at a much faster rate than the cost of living. This appreciation in the value of a home, plus the reduction of principal on the loan used to purchase the home, provides an unbeatable increase in a homeowner's net worth.

■ Single taxpayers who qualify

live in the same property. Three singles living and owning the same property can get a total of \$750,000 in exemptions.

■ Interest paid on a second mortgage may also be deductible if the total of the first and second mortgages is no greater than \$1 million. However, that benefit is scaled back based on your tax bracket.

■ Certain moving expenses may be deductible if the move is job-related and the relocation is 50 or more miles from the previous residence.

■ In California, sellers over the age of 55 have some special benefits, such as transferring the tax base from their current home to another of the same or lesser value within the same county or another county if it has passed a resolution accepting such transfers. This is of real benefit to those sellers who have lived in their homes for many years and have low real estate taxes due to Proposition 13. See your real estate advisor to analyze your particular situation.

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ARPB UPDATES

■ The Associated Real Prop-

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Realist Week. The finale to this
special week is a wine, cheese
and jazz reception. The reception
is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday,
April 11. The event is held at
Bank of America on Grand Av-
enue in Oakland.

■ ARPB presents "The Dynamic
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10 a.m., Wednesday, April 16.
The new location is Jimmie's
Entertainment Complex on San
Pablo, in Oakland. Realtors are
encouraged to bring flyers and
market their properties. The
meeting is open forum. For
more information call **Tyrone**
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RENTAL HOUSING MEETINGS

■ The Rental Housing Associa-
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fers a membership meeting
monthly. Non-members are also in-
vited to attend. The next meeting is
at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, April 17. The
meeting is held at the Greek Ortho-
dox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in
Oakland. The guest speaker is **Den-
nis Kaminski** on "Tax Issues for
Real Estate Investors."

■ RHA offers a new member
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WCR LUNCHEON

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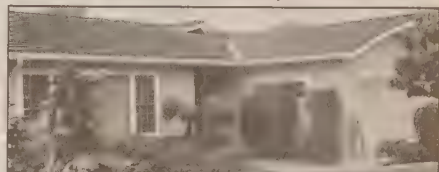


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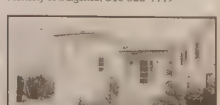


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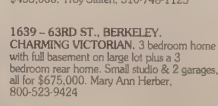
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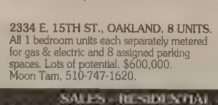
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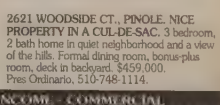
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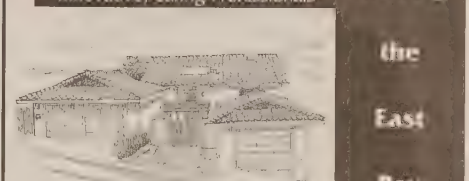
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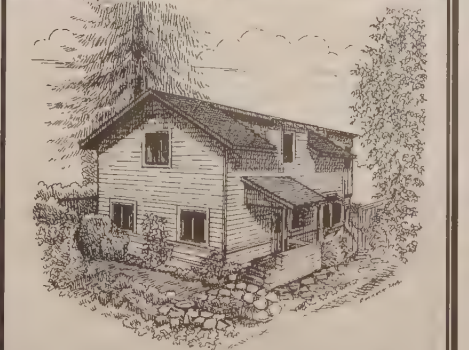


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27 Eclipse Ct - \$528,000
3101 El Paseo - \$415,000
1847 Elm St - \$430,000
3304 Encinal Av - \$525,000
3344 Fir Av - \$437,000
3117 La Cresta - \$425,000
1909 Lafayette St - \$451,500
1629 Lincoln Av - \$423,000
1518 Minturn St - \$225,000
1615 Minturn St - \$175,000
152 Ratto Rd - \$730,000
309 Santa Clara Av - \$451,000
950 Shorepoint 112 - \$215,000
950 Shorepoint Ct - \$210,000
2 Volberg Ct - \$525,000
1333 Webster A305 - \$215,000
1719 Willow St - \$494,000

ALBANY

1121 Dartmouth St - \$507,000
555 Pierce St #34 - \$279,000

BERKELEY

1415 67th St - \$329,000
2315 Acton St - \$441,000
1119 Arch St - \$435,000
2961 California St - \$369,000
2601 College #204 - \$331,000
3149 College Av - \$760,000
1271 Delaware St - \$540,000
2826 Kelsey St - \$813,000
2914 MLK Jr Wy - \$440,000
1326 Shattuck Av #1 - \$451,000
3010 Shattuck Av - \$485,000
1521 Tyler St - \$350,000
2614 Warring St - \$340,000

EL CERRITO

744 Albarrie St - \$495,000
548 Everett St - \$385,000
1719 Julian Ct - \$460,000
1526 Lexington Av - \$319,000
1750 Liberty St #3 - \$269,500
2240 Mira Vista Dr - \$470,000
2320 Mira Vista Dr - \$395,000
22 Ramona Av - \$410,000
1534 Regency Ct - \$242,000
925 Seaview Dr - \$665,000

EL SOBRANTE

5553 Cerro Norte Dr - \$405,000
802 Del Valle Cr - \$213,000
515 Lisa Ct - \$280,000
5284 SP Dam A1 - \$152,000

EMERYVILLE

1278 61st St - \$325,000
1200 65th St #227 - \$400,000
1200 65th St #301 - \$526,500
5 Admiral Dr #F407 - \$173,500
5855 Horton St #806 - \$388,500
5855 Horton St #810 - \$340,000

KENSINGTON

140 Ardmore Rd - \$646,500
284 Columbia Av - \$720,000
837 Coventry Rd - \$519,000
32 Eldridge Ct - \$623,500
5 Sunset Dr - \$420,000

OAKLAND

2035 102nd Av - \$275,000
1236 104th Av - \$250,000
1729 23rd Av - \$327,000
1921 24th Av - \$280,000
2010 25th Av - \$350,000
1236 30th Av - \$285,000

371 30th 205 - \$275,000
371 30th 307 - \$285,000
1435 36th Av - \$379,000
2648 38th Av - \$399,500
710 43rd St - \$455,000
967 44th St - \$330,000
2114 51st Av - \$277,000
2616 57th Av - \$340,000
874 57th St - \$399,000
393 61st St - \$745,000
671 63rd St - \$450,000
2237 64th Av - \$260,000
437 65th St - \$489,000
514 66th St - \$400,000
1631 68th Av - \$285,000
1606 70th Av - \$250,000
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1565 77th Av - \$175,000
1550 79th Av - \$199,500
1226 82nd Av - \$300,000
2473 99th Av - \$325,000
2631 99th Av - \$330,000
32 Anair Wy - \$280,000

1030 Arlington - \$295,000
565 Bellevue 206 - \$475,000
5271 B'way Tr 3 - \$250,000
5215 Camden St - \$100,000
3939 Canon Av - \$588,000
663 Carlston Av - \$1,100,000
1573 Chandler St - \$283,000
1577 Chandler St - \$336,500
2218 Church St - \$177,500
2032 Clemens Rd - \$550,000
6085 Colton Bl - \$749,000
3824 Columbian - \$375,000
4109 Coolidge Av - \$590,000
3137 Cuthbert Av - \$199,500
6601 Deakin St - \$409,000
4220 East 17th St - \$350,000
2237 East 20th St - \$350,000
1338 East 25th St - \$250,000
1136 East 33rd St - \$370,000
1046 Elbert St - \$485,000

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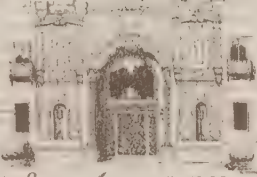
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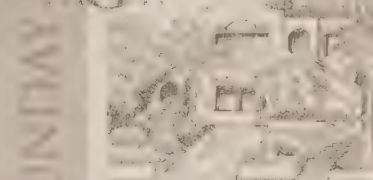
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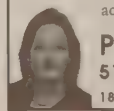
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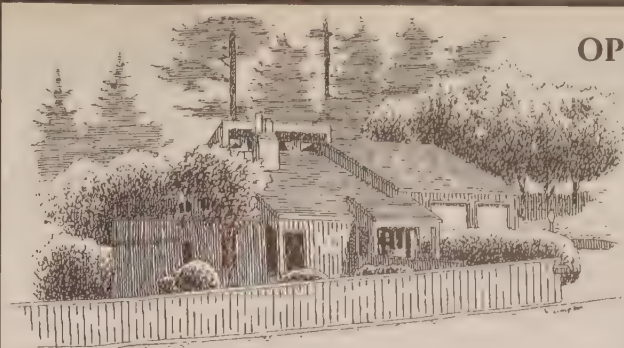
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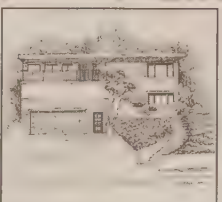
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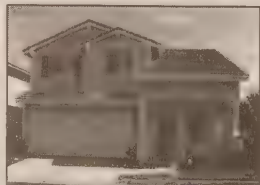
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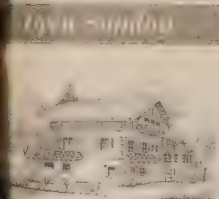
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,395,000
100 OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Historic custom Craftsman. 3+BR/1BA gourmet kitchen, cherry floors, lovely patio, level yard, excellent location. Ashley O'Neill x1368

MONTCLAIR \$1,099,000
100 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Fresh new home w/high ceilings, cherry floors & artistic stonework. Large family room opens to garden. Close to Montclair Bldg. 4BR/3.5BA. Jennie Flanigan x1354



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$949,000
100 WAWONA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Great listing! Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA traditional w/family room, office, bonus room & large landscaped lot. Kathleen Flanagan x1343

REDMONT \$935,000
100 ABBOTT WAY (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious SF/Bay views, private setting; 3BR/2BA, updated kitchen, den, fireplace. Beautiful! Martha Holstlaw x1312

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MONTCLAIR \$899,000
7455 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
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OAKLAND \$759,000
2004 10TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Large Tudor Revival by architect Albert Farr. Redwood & cherry wood details. 5+BR/4BA. Grand living rm, spacious dining rm, lib, study & entry. Large FR. Historical gem! Rich Gould x1347

UPPER OAKMORE \$699,000
2134 BRAEMAR DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious traditional on quiet cul-de-sac w/hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, family room, bonus room & level yard. 3BR/3BA. Donna Costella x1355

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$619,000
5 BUENA VISTA PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Bay views, 3BR/2BA, fenced level yard, hot tub and new kitchen. Joanna Hirsch x1366



SAN LEANDRO \$619,000
916 RODNEY DR. (Open 1-4)
Outstanding property located in Estudillo Estates. Remarkable creekside setting w/ large private yard and serene tree vistas. 4BR/2.5BA. Family rm. Teri Carlisle x1305

MONTCLAIR \$603,000
6680 HEARTWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Level in contemporary with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family rooms, soaring ceilings, and 2 fireplaces. Kathy Flynn x1317

Open Sunday

MONTCLAIR \$599,000
6308 HEATHER RIDGE (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Sunny & bright 5BR/3BA, huge loft/family room, new kitchen. Lower level w/separate entry. Wonderful outdoor spaces! Dee Knowland x1318



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$569,000
4043 LAKESHORE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
1st Open. Charming & spacious 2+BR/1BA craftsman bungalow in wonderful Upper Lakeshore Avenue area. Level front & back yards. A Jewell Ann Nichols x1319

OAKLAND HILLS \$549,000
3030 BROADMOOR VW. (Open 2-4:30)
Panoramic bay view, 3 levels, 4BR/3.5BA, family room, rumpus, 2 car attached garage, approx. 2500 sq. ft. Master suite, decks & level yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$537,000
2430 5TH ST., UNIT I (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious light-filled wonderful 3 story live/work space w/SF view! Live up, work down or live in both! 1+BR/2BA. Near 4th St. shopping. Joanna Gould x1346

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CRESTMONT \$499,000
255 CRESTMONT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Classic Ranch home offers level living & South Bay views. Kitchen, family, dining rm combination opens to private deck & garden. 3BR/BA. Fritz Hochfeller x1348



BERKELEY \$495,000
1785-87 FRANKLIN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Wonderful light filled duplex near N. Berk BART, great condition, hrdwd. floors, fireplaces in both units, pretty garden, separate laundry. Leslie Avant x1341

PIEDMONT AVE. \$474,000
4364-66 MONTGOMERY (Open 2-4:30)
Vacant duplex close to shops, restaurants. Live in one flat, rent the other. Each 2 bedrooms. Nice level yard, garage, hrdwd. flrs. Freshly painted. Leslie Easterday x1363

OAKLAND HILLS \$459,000
117 MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Open 2-4:30)
Updated townhouse, sweeping Bay/SF/country club views, spacious, level backyard. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310



DIMOND \$459,000
3830 RHODA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Sunny bungalow w/many period details. Pristine condition. Remodeled kitchen. Fantastic level yard & deck! 2BR/1BA. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

Open Sunday



PIEDMONT AVE. \$450,000
14 WESTALL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Neo-classical row house! Vintage details! 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, sunroom, full basement, garden, garage! Lorri Arazi x1330

EL SOBRANTE \$439,000
5764 AMEND ST. (Open 2-4:30)
First Open. One level family home on large corner lot. Three bedrooms and two baths. Michelle Vasey x1359

SAN LEANDRO \$359,000
82 CORNWALL WAY (Open 1-4)
Feels like a house! Sunny 2BR/1+BA, great outside spaces, eat-in kitchen, vaulted ceiling. Attached garage. Michelle Miller x1335

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353 Santa Clara. Grand lake jewel, 4BR/2BA, separate office, private deep yard. Gumwood interior details 1919 traditional.

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438 62nd Street. Wonderful Rockridge jewel. Great yard, cut glass cabinets, eat-in kitchen, many new upgrades.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$558,000
8070 Phaeton Drive. Eichler with redone kitchen, 3BR/2BA, covered atrium on large lot in the Oakland Hills.

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Potential \$399,888
Older home in San Pablo. 10,000 sq. ft. lot. Zoned R4. Considered a multi-family.

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2318 Mono, El Cerrito. Sweet street! Abundant garden. Excellent condition. 3BR/1BA, garage near BART, transportation. New listing!

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5028 Garvin Avenue. Richmond View, 3BR close to Wildcat Canyon, conveniences. Hardwood floors, tile, forced air heat, etc.

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 2469 Rawson St - \$425,000
 2801 Rawson St - \$425,000
 2833 School St - \$357,000
 1701 Seminary Av - \$258,000
 4754 Stacy St - \$490,000
 864 Stanford Av - \$403,000
 7742 Sunkist Dr - \$365,000
 1328 Trestle Glen - \$755,000

4526 Tulip Av - \$385,000
 1520 Union St - \$285,000
 18 Waldeck Ct - \$915,000
 3760 Webster St - \$349,500
 7333 Weld St - \$232,000

RICHMOND

651 11th St - \$304,000

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PIEDMONT

67 Glen Alpine Rd - \$1,395,000
 19 Hardwick Av - \$1,810,000
 21 Lake Av - \$658,000
 285 Sheridan Av - \$1,355,000
 241 Sunnyside Av - \$600,000

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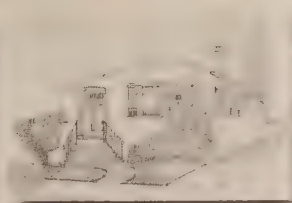
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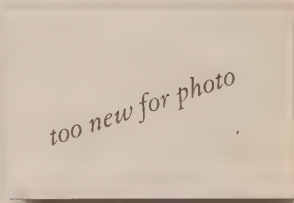
BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! **\$424,000**
 2/1 - Tree lovers alert! Private forest, quiet retreat. Maximum serenity among trees and sun galore. Rare sanctuary.
 1355 Campus Drive
 Open 2-5



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$449,000**
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 541 North Street
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ORINDA - NEW LISTING! **\$640,000**
 3/3 - Architect designed home in a great Country Club location. Easy access to shops & transportation. More at www.gotmanning.com
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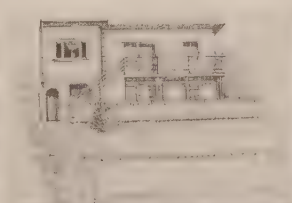
EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING! **\$349,000**
 2/2.5 - Incredible Bay views from this freshly painted townhouse! Private patio, fireplace, 2-car garage, laundry in unit, 1448 s.f. of living space.
 28 Wildwood Place
 Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW PRICE! **\$949,000**
 3/2 - Unique Contemporary. Spectacular panoramic Bay views from every window. Serene garden settings. Close to UC & Gourmet Ghetto.
 987 Euclid Avenue
 Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$308,000**
 2/1 - Bungalow in great condition with lots of upgrades! Nice wood deck. Photos & more at www.charliecookproperties.com.
 1080 65th Street
 Open 2-4



OAKLAND **\$299,000**
 3/2 - Great Oakmore fixer with 1 bed/1 bath in-law unit. Many possibilities for the owner/occupant or investor.
 3916 Whittle Avenue
 Open 2-4



RICHMOND/MARINA BAY **\$549,000**
 3/2 - Private setting in gated community with serene water vistas. Bay trails. Immaculate, nearly new! More at www.bobbilumberg.com
 66 Sea Isle Drive
 Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$409,000**
 3+1 - Charming, spacious house with tremendous potential. Family room, spacious kitchen, deck. Close to UC Berkeley and BART.
 1545 Parker Street
 Open 2-4



OAKLAND **\$225,000**
 1/1 - Rockridge border. Clean condo newly remodeled with large, private patio & common pool, spa, laundry and garage.
 250 Whitmore Street #111
 Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW PRICE! **\$285,000**
 2/2 - Lower Temescal bungalow. Large kitchen, hardwood floors, rear patio, detached garage. Close to BART & Children's hospital.
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 Open 1-4



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2099 Pleasant Valley, Oakland, CA 94611
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Sales

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20 19th St - \$246,000
634 27th St - \$350,000
1268 29th St - \$260,000
672 39th St - \$257,500
247 4th St - \$325,000
724 Acacia Av #A - \$335,000
20 Alamo Av - \$270,000
1200 Brickyard 208 - \$290,000
1459 Carlson Bl - \$150,000
3704 Center Av - \$365,000
5412 Cerro Sur - \$480,000
5308 Coach Dr - \$527,000
5369 Debra Ln - \$495,000
1208 Fairway Dr - \$380,000
730 Gertrude Av - \$195,000
5625 Hazel Av - \$479,000
3105 Henderson Dr - \$320,000
677 Humboldt St - \$380,000
936 Kern St - \$360,000
3245 Maricopa Av - \$285,000
1201 Melville 409 - \$325,000
3754 Morningside - \$439,000
4074 Mozart Dr - \$386,500
3406 Ohio Av - \$225,000
2932 Oxford Av - \$350,000
2017 San Mateo St - \$308,000
5226 Sierra Av - \$360,000
409 South 16th St - \$180,000
320 South 22nd St - \$250,000
347 South 8th St - \$229,000
1026 Ventura St - \$325,000
316 Verde Av - \$192,000
336 Washington - \$545,000

SAN LEANDRO

1615 163rd Av - \$228,000
1262 Alder Creek Cr - \$468,500
1272 Alder Creek Cr - \$507,500
15388 Andover St - \$329,000
1550 Bancroft 332 - \$299,000
1844 Bancroft Av - \$399,000
16333 Bevil Wy - \$285,500
709 Buriat St - \$637,500
1721 Burkhart Av - \$369,000
243 Cherrywood Av - \$400,000
290 Chumalia St - \$280,000
1988 Evergreen Av - \$460,000
367 Farrelly Dr - \$335,000
1433 Gilmore Dr - \$300,000
14228 Ivy Ct - \$315,000
553 Joaquin Av - \$315,000
16925 Liberty St - \$335,000
314 Lorraine Bl - \$357,500
1087 Manor Bl - \$343,000
1583 Oriole Av - \$280,000
14932 Peninsula St - \$399,000
2351 Prosperity Wy - \$575,000
13882 Sausalito Rd - \$385,000
2365 Seacrest Ct - \$610,000
2211 Sol St - \$192,000
1580 Thrush Av - \$315,000
2092 Wallace Av - \$260,000

SAN LORENZO

17 E. Paseo Grande - \$253,000
16081 Via Alamos - \$320,000
15915 Via Cordoba - \$420,000
15770 Via Corta - \$250,000
982 Via Mariposa - \$332,500
18101 Via Toledo - \$385,000
17730 Via Valencia - \$350,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$743,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$437,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$432,826

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$507,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$393,000

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BURKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$329,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$813,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$440,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$468,000

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$242,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,050

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$152,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$405,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$173,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$526,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$358,917

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$420,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$720,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$623,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$585,800

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 102
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,343,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$412,828

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$600,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,810,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,355,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,203,600

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$328,471

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST PRICE: \$192,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$335,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$369,593

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$432,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,071

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318 D CYPRESS ST.
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SAN LEANDRO
1400 CARPENTER ST. 2 BD/2 BA (SOLD) walk to BART + transp \$249,000

14388 OUTRIGGER DR.
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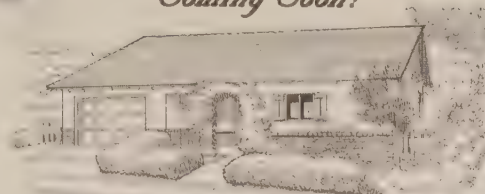
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2 BR 1 BA Sharp Elmwood condo w/ high ceilings & 2 story glass wall overlooking private garden. Bonus room can be 3rd BR/office. Utility room & garage.	2 BR 1 BA Location, location! Upper Elmwood district condo w/ approx 845 sq. ft. living space comes w/ stove, refrig, dishwasher & its own assigned parking space!	3 BR 2+ BA Charming Colonial Revival. Back garden featured in Sunset magazine, recently remodeled kitchen, formal dining, big master suite, 2 fireplaces.	1 BR/1 BA each Tri-plex w/ own turn-out-of-the-century Four-Square with loads of charm. Live in on income. Close to shops, dining.
Cheryl Cahn 510.486.1495	Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.1495	Dian Hymen 510.339.4700	Dan Joy 510.339.4700

FIRST OPENS

BERKELEY 2303 Spaulding Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$619,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Elegant bungalow in central area. Completely remodeled! Gourmet kitchen, hardwood flrs., 2 mm. mstr. w/ new half bath. New frdn., elec./plumb. Full bsmt. **Cheryl Cahn** 510.486.1495

PARKRIDGE ESTATES 5247 Saddle Brook Dr. Sun 2 - 5 \$699,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Lovely one-level living on large lot in great Skyline neighborhood. Updated kitchen w/ Corian, cozy FR. 2-car garage & built-in speaker hook-ups. **Nader Davari** 510.339.4700

OAKLAND 3936 Harrison St. Sun 2 - 4 \$625,000
2 BR 2 BA Glamorous, totally renovated apt. 2,111 sq. ft. penthouse condo close to Piedmont Ave's shops & cafes. Study + an elegant veranda. Medit. style 4-unit bldg. **Jeanne McHugh** 510.486.1495

ADAMS POINT 245 Montecito #102 Sun 2 - 4:30 \$199,000
1 BR 1 BA Great building w/ pool! Light & bright; large bedroom w/ access to the balcony. Terrific location near Lake Merritt & public transportation. **Terry Anthony** 510.339.4700

OPENS

BERKELEY 2441 Carleton St. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$645,000
3+ BR 1 BA Approx. 8 blocks to campus, near shopping & restaurants! This Tudor features HWF, FDR, attic, large basement, hidden garden & 1912 charm. **Dell Orr** 510.339.4700

BERKELEY 1187-89 Arch St. Sun 2 - 4 \$595,000
2 BR 1 BA each. Golden duplex! Two romantic brown shingle cottages share a lot of approx. 6750 sq. ft. Needs work. Use your imagination! **Bobbie or Linda** 510.486.1495

CLAREMONT PINES 95 Westminster Sun 2 - 4:30 \$1,595,000
4+ BR 3 full BA + 3 half Move right in to this grand Claremont Pines home. Spacious, dramatic, fabulous kitchen, yard & pool, family room, library, master bedroom retreat. **Nancy Dickey** 510.339.4700

OAKLAND HILLS 1029 Amato Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$1,395,000
5+ BR 4.5 BA Superior design & craftsmanship; Bay & Claremont Canyon views; gourmet kitchen w/ granite counters & SS appliances; luxurious master. **David Eckert** 510.339.4700

LINCOLN HEIGHTS 2566 Charleston Ct. Sun 2 - 5 \$1,099,000
5 BR 5 BA Fantastic custom contemporary w/ walls of glass, slate floors, vaulted ceiling, sweeping SF/Bay views & pool. Approx. 1.5 acre; level in & out. **Rachel Baller** 510.339.4700

CLAREMONT HILLS 7245 Buckingham Blvd. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$765,000
4 BR 3 BA NEW PRICE! Striking contemporary w/ dramatic architectural detail. Open floor plan, terrific natural light, some views too! Don't miss this one. **Caren Lum** 510.339.4700

CROCKER HIGHLANDS 24 Mandana Cir. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$729,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Move right in! Traditional with cheerful living room, formal dining, den, updated eat-in kitchen, sunny yard, great master suite. **Claudia Bowman** 510.339.4700

OPENS

MONTCLAIR 6541 Snake Rd. Sun 2 - 5 \$599,000
2 BR 2 BA Breathtaking views! Bright, open floor plan, plus room, recent upgrades, beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, 2-car garage. **Carolyn Devol** 510.339.4700

CROCKER 785 Calmar Ave. Sun 2 - 5 \$589,000
3 BR 2 BA Darling home by larger ones. HWF, FP, 2BR/1BA up; 1BR/1BA + large rec. rm. & workshop down; great storage; garage; near shops; EZ SF commute. **Ruby Ng** 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR 7040 Homewood Dr. Sun 2 - 5 \$585,000
BR 2.5 BA Great indoor/outdoor living in this elegant home w/ vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen/family room, 2 FP, 2-car garage & sunny, level yard. **Joan Allford** 510.339.4700

REDWOOD HEIGHTS 4461 Carson St. Sun 2 - 5 \$525,000
3 BR 2 BA Charming Traditional-great location; large, level rear lawn; Knotty-Pine family room w/ built-ins, FDR, large living room w/ FP; garage w/ inter. access. **Becky Andersen** 510.339.4700

SEQUOIA HEIGHTS 7940 Hanson Dr. Sun 1 - 5 \$519,000
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OAKLAND HILLS 3620 Seminary Ave. Sun 1 - 4:30 \$479,000
2+ BR 2 BA Tudor-style home on upper Seminary. Dual-pane windows, upgraded kitchen, bath, electrical; large living & family room, 2 FP, HWF, eat-in kitchen. **Victor Ratto** 510.339.4700

REDWOOD HEIGHTS 4362 Bennett Pl. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$449,000
2 BR 1 BA Spacious family room, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, detached bonus room, recently updated bath, lovely gardens. 2-car garage. **Victor Fierro** 510.339.4700

LAUREL 3710 Madeline St. Sun 2 - 4:30 \$425,000
2 BR 1 BA Stunning, colorful, sunny Bungalow - updated plumbing/electrical, gourmet kitchen, spa tub, newer roof; desirable neighborhood. **Michael Gornley** 510.339.4700

PILL HILL 371 30th St. #103 Sun 1 - 5 \$395,000
2 BR 2 BA - Only 2 units left! Beautiful new construction complex. Near Piedmont Ave., downtown view, HWF, granite, Euro fixtures, laundry, 1-car parking. **Elena Stone** 510.339.4700

BY APPT

OAKLAND 4 BR 2.5 BA Large Contemporary built in 1992 carpet, paint & tile. Convenient location - many families. Needs TLC. Beautiful views & a large additional features to this property. **Joan Allford** 510.339.4700

GLENVIEW 2 BR 1.5 BA Medit. Bungalow w/ arch, details, kitchen opening to lovely terraced garden, rear All done w/ an artist's eye for beauty & detail. **Claudia Bowman**

CROCKER HIGHLANDS 3 BR 1.5 BA Wonderful Traditional. Formal living rooms; large eat-in kitchen; sun room off back; fenced back yard; long private driveway. **Joan Allford**

OAKLAND 6 BR 5 BA & 2 Kitchens! Great for extended families. Needs TLC. Beautiful views & a large additional features to this property. **Joan Allford**

NORTH OAKLAND 3 BR 1 BA Charming updated Craftsman. Wood ceilings, informal dining room, kitchen w/ granite appliances, closets w/ built-ins, landscaped yard. **Noni Robinson**

TEMESCAL 3+ BR 2 BA Unique, charming 1910 Farmhouse private, convenient Temescal location near ever. Seller says make an offer! **Don Corbett**

OAKLAND 2 BR 1 BA Gorgeous Bungalow-wooded setting room with 1BR/1BA & private deck. Refinished floors, freshly painted inside & out. **Noni Robinson**

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OAKLAND 3 BR 2 BA Cute "n' cozy w/ hardwood floors, kitchen, 1-car garage, off-street parking. **Reva Tolbert**

PIEDMONT AVE. 2 BR 1 BA Spacious updated condo facing street. First level above garage - corner unit; 1-car garage. Piedmont Ave. restaurants & shops. **Elena Stone**

BY APPT

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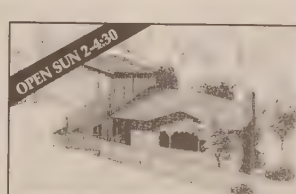
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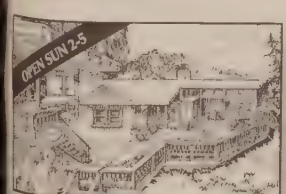
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in kitchen, master bedroom suite. Verdant, private vistas,
peaceful location. 1st time open! Helen Nicholas



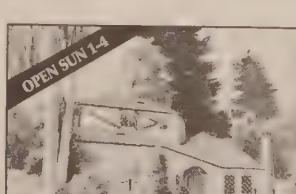
LAUREL \$369,000
3045 Texas St. Mediterranean style Bungalow. 2 bedrooms, 1
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decor. Secluded hillside setting on quiet street. Lois
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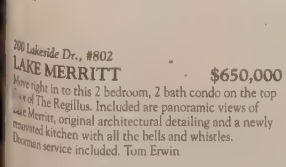
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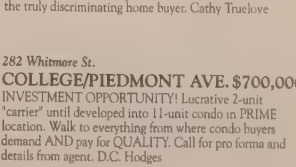
OAKLAND \$645,000
709 Rand. Grand lake Craftsman remodel! Totally
upgraded 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with office, gracious living
room, formal dining, breakfast bar, and master suite with
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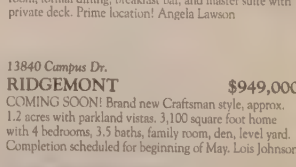
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monthly mortgage payment will be due on April 1, plus usually a 10- or 15-day grace period.

However, because month-end closings became too burdensome for lenders, some now don't require borrowers to pay the full current month's interest at the closing. But the first monthly mortgage payment, due on the first day of the next month, will include interest for the month of the loan closing.

As for mortgage junk or garbage fees, when you inquire

about a mortgage, ask for a no- or low-cost mortgage with no junk or garbage fees. If you specify that up front to the lender, you probably won't incur them. But you might pay a slightly higher tax-deductible interest rate, typically one-eighth percent higher.

State or local law determines if tenant earns interest on security deposit

Dear Bob: Does a landlord have to pay the tenant, upon move-out, interest on their security deposit? If so, must interest be paid if the security deposit is not refunded because of damage to

the premises? — **Barbara P**

Dear Barbara: The answer depends on where the rental property is located and if there is any state, city or county law requiring landlords to pay interest on tenant security deposits.

If such interest payment is required, the interest rate is another issue. Some cities and counties require higher interest rate payments on security deposits than the 1 or 2 percent currently paid by most banks.

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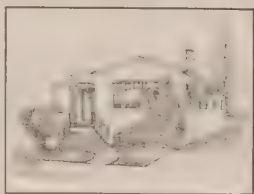


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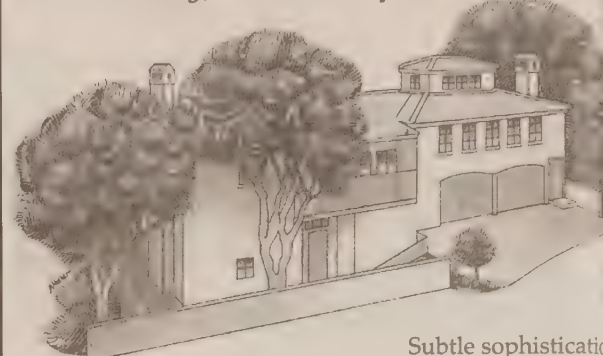
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Gallagher & Lindsey | 1317 East Shore Dr
Gallagher & Lindsey | 3BD/2BA | 510-748-1131
Dorothy Franchi |
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Alice Garvin |
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The Homes-Link Team | 1804 San Jose Ave
Gold Coast | 3BD/1BA | 510-748-5300 |
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Harbor Bay Realty | 1809 Yale Dr
Harbor Bay Realty | 3+BD/2BA | 840-814-4709
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| \$785,000
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Kane & Associates | 233 Hudson Bay
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| \$869,000
Sun 2-4
Renrose Realty | 167 Sweet Rd.
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Rosie Macalino |
| \$929,500
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1355 Campus Dr 2BD 510-280-2139	2BD 510-280-2139
Diane Ohlsson	
1785-67 Franklin St. Duplex Leslie Avant	-BD/-BA 510-338-1341 Leslie Avant
2430 5th Street, Unit 1	1+BD/2BA 510-338-1346 Joanna Gould
1306 Cornell Ave. 2-4/30 Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri	2BD/-BA 510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri
1919 Hopkins Street Northbrae Anne Van Dyke	3BD/1BA 510-652-2133 Anne Van Dyke
2441 Carleton St. 2-4/30 Dell Orr	3+BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Dell Orr
1242 Glen Avenue 3BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133 Ronald Egberman	3BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133 Ronald Egberman
945 Hillside Avenue 3BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Chris Cohn	3BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Chris Cohn
2745 Parker Street 3+BD/2+BA 510-339-0400 Lori Lombard	3+BD/2+BA 510-339-0400 Lori Lombard
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1512 West View Drive Claremont Karen Starr	4+BD/4+BA 510-339-0400 Karen Starr
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1705 La Loma Avenue 4+BD/3.5BA 510-338-1339 Gini Erck	4+BD/3.5BA 510-338-1339 Gini Erck
10 Valley	
18734 Mount Lassen Dr. 4BD/3BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kane	4BD/3BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kane
22770 Rancho Palomares Pl 3BD 510-749-0235 Anita Wong	3BD 510-749-0235 Anita Wong
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Better Homes	
5764 Amend Street 3BD/2BA 510-338-1359 Michelle Vasey	3BD/2BA 510-338-1359 Michelle Vasey
1366 34th St 1+1.5BA 510-444-0777 Kathleen Hirsh	1+1.5BA 510-444-0777 Kathleen Hirsh
24 510-339-9290 Erik Johnson	
22 Highgate Ave 3BD/3BA 510-559-2915	3BD/3BA 510-559-2915
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299,000 748 29th St ... Open Sun 1-5 Prudential Montclair, Katie O'Shea	2BD/1+BA 510-339-9290
308,000 1080 65th St Sun 2-4 RED OAK Charlie Cook	510-280-2163
310,000 708 45th Street Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	-BD/-BA 510-531-7000 x246 Stan Hammond
319,000 737 2nd St #304 Sun 2-4 Jack London Square Prudential Geoff Bidwell	1BD/1BA 510-868-1400
325,000 1002 Wood Street Sun 2-4:30 Oakland West C21 Heritage R.E.	2BD/1BA 510-339-8900, x262 Sheila Brox Crawford
325,000 9716 Thermal St Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Dollie Henson	3BD/1BA 510-339-9290
345,000 4843 Fairfax Sun 2-4:30 Lower Maxwell Park Prudential sAmy Davis	3BD/1BA 510-868-1465
348,000 2707 Park Blvd. Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2+BD/1BA 510-339-8400 Teresa Chan
349,000 240 Caldecott Ln Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Brian Santolena	2BD/2BA
349,000 3568 Davis Street Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	2BD/1BA 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett
349,000 6616 Simson St Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Claremont, Ernie & Rick	2BD/1BA 510-339-9290
359,000 400 Wayne Avenue #7 Sun 2-4:30 Lakeshore Wells & Bennett Realtors	2BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x238 Patsy Buhler
369,000 2993 - 106th Ave. Open Sun 1-4 Assist-2-Sell	2+BA/1.5BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kane
369,000 3045 Texas Street Sun 2-4:30 Laurel C21 Heritage R.E.	2BD/1BA 510-339-8900, x226 Lois Johnson
369,000 3907 Laguna Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Lincoln Heights x251 C21 Heritage R.E.	2BD/1BA 510-339-8900, x251 Sarah Schisler
369,000 882 - 46th Street Sun 2-5 North Oakland C21 Heritage R.E.	2BD/1BA 510-435-3564 Fred Bronson
375,000 3318 Maple Ave Sun 2-4:30 Harbor Bay Realty	2+BD/1BA 510-814-4887 Ramon Dumaguin
375,000 454 38th Street Sun 2-4:30 Temescal The Grubb Company	2BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Ed Kuo
375,000 371 - 30th St., #103 Sun 1-5 Pill Hill Coldwell Banker	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Elena Stone
379,000 3388 Madera Ave Sun 1-4 Maxwell Park Prudential CA Realty	2BD/1+BA 510-337-9670 Kacy Carr
389,000 2619 Rawson St Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Montclair Better Homes	3BD/1BA 510-339-8400 Rosie Nysaether
389,000 3007 57th Sun 2-4 Mills College Prudential CA Realty	3BD/1BA 510-337-9670 Jessica Yap
389,000 1059 El Centro #4 Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Piedmont, Hernan Luna	3BD/2BA
399,000 5281 Belvedere St Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Herb Manon	2 BD/1BA
399,000 5957 Canning St Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3BD/1BA 510-339-9290 David Otero
400,000 4548 Tompkins Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Piedmont, Nancy Hinkley	2BD/1BA 510-428-0900
421,000 2801 Seminary Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, James Shin	3BD/1.5BA
425,000 2700 Madeline Sun 2-4:30 Laurel Coldwell Banker	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Michael Gormley
425,000 6112 Adelaine Sun 1-4:30 C21 Heritage R.E.	3+BD/2BA 510-339-6160, x217 Cindy Boze
425,000 715 Hillgirt Circle Open Sun 1-5 Prudential Claremont, Natalie Cuttler	2BD/1BA 510-845-0211
429,000 422 Haddon Rd. Open Sun 2-5 Haddon Hill Re/Max East Bay Hills	3BD/1BA 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins
435,000 3142 Arizona Sun 2-4:30 Laurel Montclair Better Homes	2BD/2BA 510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri
435,000 4 794 Redding St Sun 2-4 by Mills College Panavista Realty	2BD/2BA 510-523-0707 Ramesh
449,000 4362 Bennett Place Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights Coldwell Banker	2+BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Victor Fierro
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459,000 117 Mountain Valley Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union	3BD/2.5BA 510-338-1310 Robyn Mohr
459,000 3830 Rhoda Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Dimond Pacific Union	2BD/1BA 510-338-1308/1314 Dick Cohen-Sandy Klemmer
459,000 4368 Bermuda Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Michael Stephens	3BD/2BA
460,000 1002 Everett Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Glencview The Grubb Company	2BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
469,000 3973 Hanly Road Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore Wells & Bennett Realtors	2BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x286 Heidi Tuggle
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474,000 4364-66 Montgomery St. Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Ave. Duplex Pacific Union	-BD/-BA 510-338-1363 Leslie Easday
479,000 3620 Seminary Ave Sun 1-4:30 Oakland Hills Coldwell Banker	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Victor Ratto
479,000 4001 Elston Open 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	3BD/1.5BA 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett
479,000 7087 Pinehaven Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Angie Williams	3BD/2BA
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499,000 1908 Clemens Road Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore The Grubb Company	2+BD/1BA 510-339-0400 Tricia Swift
499,000 255 Crestmont Drive Sun 2-4:30 Crestmont Pacific Union	3BD/2BA 510-338-1348 Fritz Hochfellner
499,000 5320 Broadway Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Coldwell Banker	1BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Jeffrey Neideman
499,950 7021 Saroni Dr. Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Home	3BD/2BA 510-339-4000 Seki Chikami
519,000 4021 Norton Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Mary Dresser	2+/1+
519,000 5666 Cabot Dr Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Katie O'Shea	2BD/1BA
519,000 7940 Hansom Dr. Sun 1-5 Sequoiah Heights Coldwell Banker	4BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Nancy Maloney
520,000 751 Hillgirt Circle Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Bill Boze	3BD/2BA
525,000 4632 Redwood Road Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills The Grubb Company	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb
525,000 748 Mandana Blvd. Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Wells & Bennett Realtors	2BA/1BA 510-531-7000 x246 Stan Hammond
525,000 4461 Carson Sun 2-5 Redwood Heights Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Becky Andersen
529,000 4015 Maybelle Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Mary Dresser	2+/2BA
535,000 6821 Thornhill Dr Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Montclair, Andreas Furtner	2+/1.5BA 510-339-9290
549,000 3030 Broadmoor View Dr. Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union	4BD/3.5BA 510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn
549,000 3353 Burdeck Drive Sun 2-4:30 Joquin Miller Wells & Bennett Realtors	3+BA/2.5BA 510-531-7000 x292 Carol Robbins
558,000 8070 Phaeton Dr Open Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290
559,000 438 62nd St. Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential, Roy	2BD/1BA
560,000 3715 Lakeshore Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Noel Morata	3BD/1.5BA
569,000 4043 Lakeshore Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Pacific Union	2+BD/1BA 510-338-1319 Ann Nichols
585,000 7040 Homewood Drive Sun 2-5 Crocker Highlands Coldwell Banker	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Joan Alford
589,000 785 Calmar Sun 2-5 Crocker Highlands Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng
589,000 5439 Carlton St. Sun 1-4pm Rockridge Lawton Associates, Ron Kriss	3BD/1+BA 510-547-5970 Ex. 55
599,000 #16 Maydon Court Sun 2-4:30 Golf Links Montclair Better Homes	6BD/2.5BA 510-339-4000 Nanine Watson
599,000 6308 Heather Ridge Way Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union	5BD/3BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland
599,000 6541 Snake Road Sun 2-5 Montclair Coldwell Banker	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Carolyn Devol
603,000 6680 Heartwood Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union	3BD/3BA 510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn
610,000 4608 Jacobus Avenue Open Sun 2-4 Upper Rockridge Assist-2-Sell	2BD/1.5BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kane
619,000 5 Buena Vista Place Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Pacific Union	3BD/2BA 510-338-1366 Joanna Hirsch
629,000 2755 Chelsea Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair C21 Heritage R.E.	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-8900 Helen Nicholas
645,000 709 Rand Sun 1-4 Grand Lake x224 C21 Heritage R.E.	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-6160, Angela Lawson
649,000 466 Hudson Street Open Sun 2-4 Rockridge Berkeley Hills Realty	3BD/2BA 510-524-9888 x12 Joan Brunswick
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679,000 4390 Bridgeview Sun 2-4:30 Upper Oakmore Montclair Better Homes	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-8400 Martha Shin
687,500 4432 Shepherd St Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Suzanne	5BD/4BA
699,000 2134 Breemar Road Sun 2-4:30 Upper Oakmore Pacific Union	3BD/3BA 510-338-1355 Donna Costella
699,000 4 Bowles Place Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Company	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
699,000 5215 Locksley Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge The Grubb Company	2BD/1BA/1BD-1BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz
699,000 5247 Saddle Brook Sun 2-5 Parkridge Estates Coldwell Banker	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Nader Davari
699,000 7045 Pinehaven Road Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Company	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Judith Cain
699,000 1700 Arrowhead Dr. Sun 1-4pm Montclair Pacific Union Real Estate, Shelley Rae Ruhman	3BD/2BA 925-251-6233
699,000 6842 Chambers Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair C21 Heritage R.E.	4BD/2BA 510-339-8400, x226 Lois Johnson
719,000 6314 Broadway Terrace Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Company	3BD/-BA 510-339-4700 Bettina Balestrieri
725,000 4349 Edgewood Open Sun 1-4:30 Glenview Berkeley Hills Realty	6BD/2.5BA 510-524-9888 x22 Chris Ehlers-Hardie
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729,000 24 Mandana Circle Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Coldwell Banker	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-8400 Claudia Bowman
729,000 4701 Harbord Drive Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Montclair Better Homes	3BD/2BA 510-339-8400 Michael Thompson
739,000 17 Captains Cove Sun 2-4:30 Hiller Highlands Wells & Bennett Realtors	3BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x248 Peter Nicolopoulos
749,000 6801 Gunn Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Prudential Calif.	3+BD/3BA 510-428-0900 Chrys/Hinkley
750,000 39 Bowles Place Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Company	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb
759,000 2004 10th Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union	5+BD/4BA 510-338-1347 Rich Gould
759,000 5876 Birch Ct Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Calif.	1BD/1BA 510-428-0900 Mark Miller
765,000 7245 Buckingham Blvd. Open Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills Coldwell Banker	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Karen Lum
795,000 5227 Masonic Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Montclair Better Homes	4+BD/2BA 510-339-8400 Michael Thompson
795,000 722 Rand Ave Sun 2-5 Grand Lake Prudential Calif.	Triplex 510-851-6627 Shirley Covington
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799,000 23 Buena Vista Place Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge (Upper) Coldwell Banker	2+BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng
799,000 5955 Girvin Drive Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Pines The Grubb Company	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wei Grubb
829,000 201 Greenbank Avenue Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Company	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Angela Grubb
849,000 1085 Siler Place Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills The Grubb Company	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Susanne Paul
889,000 51 Bay Forest Drive Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills The Grubb Company	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Sandra Vogel
889,000 7455 Woodrow Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union	3+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1340 Christian Downer
889,000 6615 Elverton Dr Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair, Heidi Marchesotti	5BD/4BA
949,000 920 Wawona Avenue Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Pacific Union	4+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1343 Kathleen Callahan
985,000 5565 Moraga Ave Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Claremont, Barbara Levy	4BD/4BA
995,000 6960 Norfolk Road Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills The Grubb Company	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan
995,000 843 Grosvenor Place Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Company	3BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Sheila Gallagher
999,000 6350 Contra Costa Rd. Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Wells & Bennett Realtors	4BD/4BA 510-531-7000 x290 Pedram Karbassi
1,095,000 2716 Darnby Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Homes	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-8400 Nahid Nassiri
1,095,000 7967 Skyline Boulevard Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Homes	4BD/3.5BA 510-338-1364 Nahid Nassiri
1,099,000 1225 Mountain Blvd. Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union	4BD/3.5BA 510-338-1354 Jennie Flanigan
1,099,000 2566 Charleston Sun 2-5 Lincoln Heights Coldwell Banker	5BD/5BA 510-339-4700 Rachel Alfaro
1,150,000 6866 Charing Cross Road Sun 2-4:30 Hiller Highlands The Grubb Company	5BD/4.5BA 510-339-0400 Mindy Scott
1,175,000 6556 Dawes Sun 2-4:30 Montclair (Pdmt Side) The Grubb Company	3+BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen
1,195,000 806 Northvale Road Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands The Grubb Company	4BD/3+BA 510-339-9290 Elizabeth Dickson
1,395,000 6138 Ocean View Drive Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge Pacific Union	3+BD/2+BA 510-338-1368 Ashley O'Neill

1,395,000 1029 Amato Dr Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Coldwell Banker	5+BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert
1,445,000 6300 Fairlane Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union	4BD/4.5BA 510-

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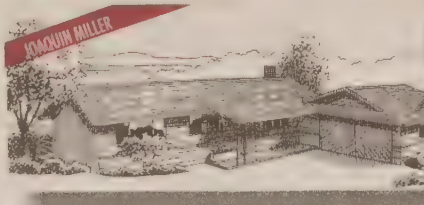
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17 CAPTAIN'S COVE, OAKLAND

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3353 BURDECK, OAKLAND

Wonderful cosmetic fixer. 3+BD/2+BA. Random plank hardwood floors, fireplace in LR, views, light & privacy. Double garage w/interior access. Photo lab, home office suite, sauna, rumpus room w/fireplace. Plus rooms. Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292 \$549,000



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Captivating Crocker home. Graceful living room, formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen. Two bedrooms. Hardwood floors and new paint in & out. Move-in condition with new foundation & drainage. A real delight! Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246 \$525,000



3844 HIGH STREET, OAKLAND

Charming Craftsman home on large lot. 2+BD/1.5BA, family room, gorgeous details, garage, easy freeway access. Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242 \$489,000



3973 HANLY ROAD, OAKLAND

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708 45th STREET, OAKLAND

Triplex near BART and Emeryville. One bedroom, one bath units with claw foot tubs, some wood floors. One unit has storage. One unit is vacant. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246 \$310,000



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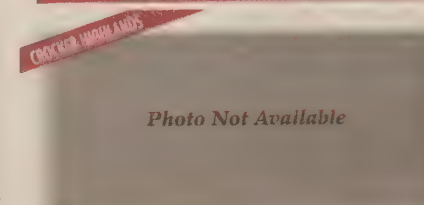


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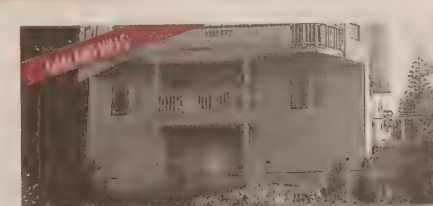
Four one-bedrooms, parking, laundry. Excellent location. Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234

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Wonderful design and excellent floor plan combined with designer finishes, bold colors and supreme quality. 4BD/3.5BA, plus huge rumpus room. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251 \$1,200,000



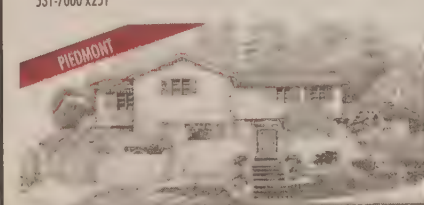
OAKLAND HILLS VIEW HOME

Fabulous 4BD/3.5BA home in quiet neighborhood with great open spaces. Gourmet kitchen, huge bonus room can be 2nd master, hot tub, and more! Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232 \$1,050,000



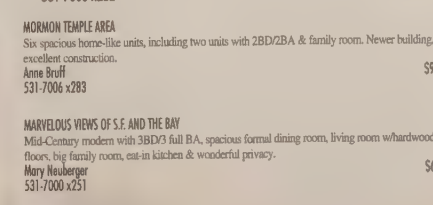
CROCKER HIGHLANDS BEAUTY!

4BD/3.5BA Exquisite three story contemporary home, upgrades throughout, marble floors, oak trim, family room, gourmet kitchen, 2 wonderful fireplaces, Jacuzzi-style tub in master suite, dual pane windows, 2-car garage attached. Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238 \$889,000



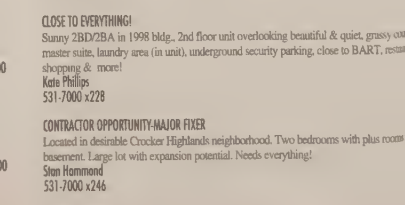
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Elegant & gracious '40s home complete with lovely private patio & in-ground pool. 3BD/2.5BA, formal living & dining rooms, wonderful study & elevator. Mary & Wendy 531-7000 \$939,000



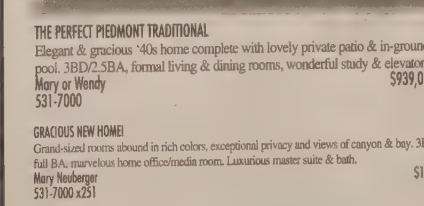
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Six spacious home-like units, including two units with 2BD/2BA & family room. Newer building, excellent construction. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283 \$959,000



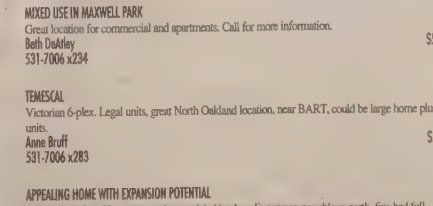
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Located in desirable Crocker Highlands neighborhood. Two bedrooms with plus rooms & basement. Large lot with expansion potential. Needs everything! Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



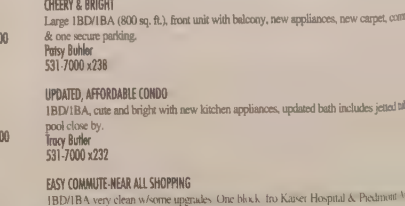
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Grand-sized rooms abound in rich colors, exceptional privacy and views of canyon & bay. 3BD/3 full BA, marvelous home office/media room, Luxurious master suite & bath. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251 \$1,315,000



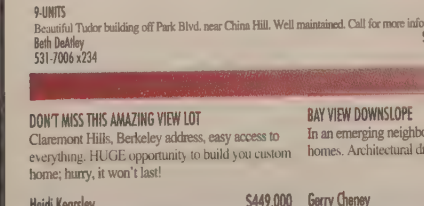
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1BD/1BA, cute and bright with new kitchen appliances, updated bath includes jetted tub pool close by. Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

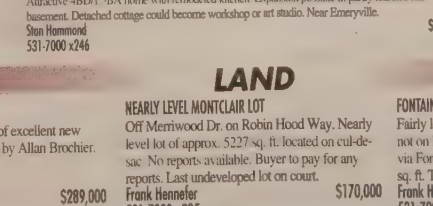


DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING VIEW LOT

Claremont Hills, Berkeley address, easy access to everything. HUGE opportunity to build your custom home; hurry, it won't last! Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295 \$449,000

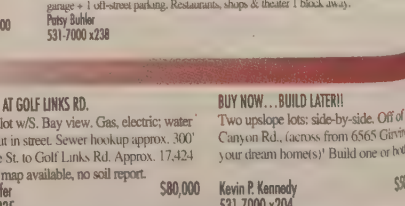
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SPORTS

• Friday, April 11, 2003 •

Section C

Cerrito's Lodree back in elite form

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umper turns in
pressive efforts at
land Relays

Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER
LEY — Seconds after
High School's Ashley
crossed the finish line in
meter hurdles last Sat-
the 24th Annual Oak-
national Relays, public
announcer Keith Con-
nated, "Ashley Lodree

PREP TRACK

is back!"
She certainly is back.
Lodree, a senior, missed the
entire postseason in 2002 with a
hamstring injury after finishing
fifth in the 100 hurdles at the
2001 California Interscholastic
Federation state championships.
But in 13.91 seconds Saturday,
she showed that she is back to
her 2001 form.

With that meet-record time,
Lodree defeated defending state
100 hurdles champion Talia
Stewart of James Logan at Ed-

wards Stadium. Lodree also won
the 300 hurdles in 45.07 seconds
in her first race at that distance
since the 2001 high school sea-
son and finished second in the
long jump with a region-best
mark of 19 feet.

"I feel like I came out here
and did what I wanted to do. I
did my best," said Lodree, named
the meet's outstanding girls track
athlete. "I'm back home."

Lodree feels at home on the
track, and she was focused after
a false start in the 100 hurdles.
She settled into the blocks again
and got a great start, leading the
race from the first hurdle.

"My attitude coming out here
is basically that I'm trying to get
my time down," said Lodree af-
ter the 100 hurdles. "There are
still a lot of things I have to work
on."

In the 300 hurdles, Lodree
was challenged by St. Elizabeth
freshman Sophia Uwadiaie in the
final 50 meters but prevailed by
.27 seconds. While Lodree
achieved her best long jump
mark on her fourth attempt, Mer-
rill West-Tracy's Brittany Daniels
already had sailed 19-5, which
turned out to be the winning

See TRACK, Page 2



EL CERRITO'S Lindsay Spolarich clears 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump at the Oakland Invitational Relays. The Gaucho girls placed third.

NOTEBOOK

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Orlando Molina
STAFF WRITER
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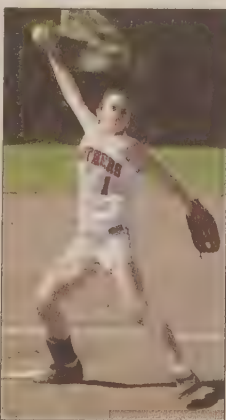
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PREP SOFTBALL



PIEDMONT'S Sally Peterson can't get a handle on the ball as St. Mary's Margo Winton scores. The Highlanders won, however, 12-2.

Piedmont softball on a streak



CASEY HENDERSON of St. Mary's delivers a pitch in her team's BSAL loss to Piedmont.

■ The Highlanders jump
on St. Mary's early for a
12-2 victory, their fifth in a
row in the BSAL

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In a season
that started slowly for the Pied-
mont High School softball team,
things are starting to pick up
speed for the Highlanders.

Lenny Parker's team picked
up its fifth straight Bay Shore
Athletic League victory Monday
by defeating St. Mary's 12-2 in
five innings at Central Park.

The Panthers (3-7, 3-4 BSAL)
gave up 10 runs in the first two
innings but when sophomore
Rosie Coté came in to pitch,
things slowed down offensively
for the Highlanders. Still, they
managed to pick up two runs in
the fifth to end the game early
due to the 10-run rule.

"She probably has the most
(pitching) talent on the team," St.
Mary's coach Mike Summer said
of Coté. "She has to work on her
composure. She gets down if
things don't go well."

Piedmont's ship was taking
water early in the season as the
team made eight errors in an
opening loss to John Swett and
then five more in a second loss
to St. Patrick. The Highlanders
managed to get on an even keel
by defeating Albany, St. Joseph,
Holy Names and Kennedy before
defeating St. Mary's.

The 6-0 victory over Holy
Names on April 2 was the first
over the Monarchs in seven
years, according to Parker.

"I guess they had a good sum-
mer, then a good Christmas,"
Parker said about his team's 0-6
start. "They're starting to figure
it out and enjoy the game again."

The slow start is sort of mys-
tifying — Parker has what he
calls his "Magnificent Seven" —

seven seniors — back for a final
shot at a league title and a North
Coast Section berth.

Jennifer Woo, Molly Wooster,
Erika Tietjen, Caitlin Lyman,
Kendall Kirby, Maggie Hall and
Monica Linzer are the senior re-
turners, but the season did not
start off with a bang. It was more
like a whoopee cushion.

Summer, on the other hand,
is trying to meld a large group of
freshmen and sophomores into
a winning group after losing a
solid group to graduation. Parker
may be in the same boat next
year when the seniors leave.

But that's next season. This
team wants to win now, and if the
effort against St. Mary's is any in-
dication, it is back on the rails.

Piedmont got off quickly, scor-
ing six runs on four hits in the
first inning, sending 10 batters
to the plate. Sally Peterson dou-
bled home one run, Hall and Woo

See ST. MARY'S, Page 2

BSAL NOTEBOOK

Holy Names still chasing James Logan

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

THERE IS ONE BIG obsta-
cle that the Holy Names
400-meter relay team has
to overcome if it wants to re-
turn to the State Meet as a
bona fide contender for the ti-
tle.

The James Logan Colts.
The Monarchs' team of El-
yse Williams, Lollie Onipede,
Willia Porter and Cyna Burton
finished second in the fast heat
of 400 relay at the 24th Oak-
land Relays on Saturday, finish-
ing in 47.37 seconds. Winner:
James Logan in 46.70.

Holy Names also finished
second in the 800 relay to the
Colts. The Monarchs ran
1:42.56, while Logan finished
first in 1:38.87.

"We'll be all right," said Bur-
ton after the 400. "The hand-
offs were good, but we're still
learning to run as a team. Our
goal is still to run 46.0."

The Monarchs have four
solid sprinters, but they don't
have a Cheri Craddock run-
ning anchor. Craddock is the
type of runner who can make
lemonade even if the other
three Logan runners turn in
lemon-essque performances.

**OTHER TOP PERFOR-
MANCES:** Porter finished third
in the 400 meters in 58.02 and
Gabriela Rios-Sotelo of St.
Mary's finished third in the
1,600 in 5:10.14. ... Jason
Bolden-Anderson of St. Mary's
won the 300 intermediate hur-
dles in 39.74 and was second to
Kevin Craddock of James Lo-
gan in the 110-meter high hur-
dles in 14.47. Craddock won in
14.39.

BARBIERI AT EDWARDS:
Piedmont had only two partici-
pants at the Oakland Relays, as
coaches Robbie Earle and
Doyle O'Regan decided to give
their troops a weekend off
from competing. Dana Barbieri
finished 15th (in time) in the
100-meter high hurdles in
18.00 and was 12th in the 300
hurdles in 50.59. In the latter
race, she ran in the fast heat,
won by Ashley Lodree of El
Cerrito in 45.07.

Barbieri and her sister, Lau-
ren, have not had much luck at
Edwards. "I don't know," Dana
Barbieri said. "I don't seem to
run well here. The wind was
very bad and held me up. My
sister didn't like the track here
either, but since she went to
Cal, she loves it."

Sophomore Julia Chiang
was the only other Piedmont
participant and she finished
11th in the long jump with an
effort of 15 feet, 5½ inches.

NEVER TOO LATE: Pied-
mont defeated Holy Names 6-0
at Witter Field on April 2, and
it was the first Highlanders vic-
tory over the Monarchs in
seven years, according to Pied-
mont coach Lenny Parker. It
was four years of losses to
Laura Ferreira (now at Fresno
State) and three years of de-
feats to a pitcher whose name
the coach can't recall. Well,
four years of Laura will do that
to a coach.

The Highlanders knocked

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Alameda hitters adjust to El Cerrito

Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

little while for the
High School bats to
into pitcher Stephanie
ut when they did, it
very long for the Hor-
minister the knockout

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innings at Hornet
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Athletic League and
hos (0-4 ACCAL) ac-
the first hit of the
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PREP SOFTBALL

first inning. Alameda catcher
Kelly Lowe cut her down at sec-
ond on a steal attempt.

Alameda went quietly in the
first inning, three up, three down.
The Gauchos got another hit in
the second when Aurianna New-
man singled to right with one
out.

Segundo got the first two outs
in the second, but the Alameda
hitters started timing her off-
speed pitches and rather slow de-
livery and struck for three runs.
Christina Tuazon tripled and
Lizzy Bochner tripled to left-
center to drive in Tuazon. Lowe

doubled to left to knock in
Bochner, and Gina Parodi fol-
lowed with a single to center to
score Lowe. Just like that, it was
3-0 after two innings.

"It takes us one trip through
the lineup to get used to slower
pitching," coach Don Musso said.
"The second time through, the
third time through, the girls
seemed to get them timing
down."

Rivkah Cohen got the last hit
for El Cerrito with none out in
the top of the third and got all
the way to third on a ground out
and a wild pitch. But Alameda
starter Tracilyn Garcia-Lum

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ALAMEDA'S Gina Parodi, right, is on a collision course with Rivkah Cohen of El Cerrito, who waits for the throw as Parodi approaches second base.

for the informed

iller has a niche to himself and
most of it in new HBO special, says
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Rowan into El Cerrito

■ Peter Rowan's wide-ranging musical back-
ground promises to make for an interesting
show at Down Home Records. Page C3

It's showtime

■ Capsule reviews and showing times are
your guide to going to the movies.
Page C4

Coming to Ashkenaz

■ Saharan group Ensemble Tartit bringing
ancient traditions in appearances here.
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BRIEFS

Prep baseball

■ **El Cerrito at De Anza**, 3:30 p.m. today — The Dons conclude a difficult week by hosting the Gauchos. Entering play this week, El Cerrito held second place in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League with a 3-0 record, one-half game better than De Anza.

■ **Albany at St. Mary's**, 3:30 p.m. today — The Cougars entered play this week with a three-game Bay Shore Athletic League winning streak, but St. Mary's was in second place with a 4-2 league mark.

■ **El Cerrito at Encinal**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — The Gauchos face the Jets, who led the ACCAL entering action this week with a 4-0 record.

Prep softball

■ **Berkeley at Alameda**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — The Yellow Jackets will try to upset the Hornets, who

were undefeated in the ACCAL when action began this week.

Boys volleyball

■ **El Cerrito at Berkeley**, 5 p.m. Tuesday — The Gauchos, who are undefeated in the ACCAL at press time, could face a challenge from an improved Berkeley squad, which was 5-1 in the ACCAL at press time.

Girls track and field

■ **Hercules, Pinole Valley, De Anza at El Cerrito**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday — Hercules and El Cerrito have two of the best sprint groups in the North Coast Section.

Stars of the week

■ **Jason Bolden-Anderson, St. Mary's track and field** — Bolden-Anderson won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the Oakland Invitational with a personal-record time of 39.74

seconds. He also finished second in the 110 high hurdles and was one of only two athletes to break 15 seconds in that race with a time of 14.47.

■ **Ashley Lodree, El Cerrito track and field** — Lodree was named the Oakland Invitational's outstanding girls track athlete after setting a meet record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 13.91. She also won the 300 hurdles in 45.07 and finished second in the long jump with a mark of 19.9 feet.

■ **Greg Murray, El Cerrito baseball** — Murray pitched a complete-game four-hitter and also went 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBI and three runs scored in the Gauchos' 15-1 win over Pinole Valley.

■ **Matt Ball, Albany baseball** — Ball was 1-for-2 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI in the Cougars' 14-1 win over St. Elizabeth, then belted a double and a home run for three RBI and also scored two runs in Albany's 10-0 victory over Salesian.

Track

FROM PAGE 1

mark. Daniels, who also won the triple jump with a meet-record mark of 42-7, was named the outstanding girls field event athlete of the meet.

Berean Christian's Whitney Jacobsmeyer used a strong kick to overtake Milpitas' Erinn Kim in the final 50 meters of the 3,200, finishing in a personal-record time of 11:23.24.

"I just knew I had to get my kick in. I haven't had a kick until this year," she said.

Berkeley had two individual winners. Jere Summers won the girls shot put with a personal-record mark of 41-9. Stephan Brooks won the 400 meters from lane eight with a time of 48.41.

"I just tried to come around hard on the first turn. On the second corner, I felt someone coming up on the side of me. I tried to hit another gear," Brooks said. Brooks missed racing against region-leader Sam DeSa of Monte Vista, who pulled his left hamstring running the 100 at a East Bay Athletic League meet Thursday against Amador Valley and Granada.

St. Mary's Jason Bolden-Anderson won the 300 intermediate hurdles in 39.74, a personal record.

"I felt good. Everything clicked in that race. All my steps were good, I had energy on the last straightaway," Bolden-Anderson said.

San Ramon Valley's Allison Falk battled with Mindi Wiley of

BOYS

Oakland Invitational

At Edwards Stadium, UC Berkeley
Team scores: Carson 50, James Logan 50, Vallejo 36, Milpitas 31, Berkeley 29, Bishop O'Dowd 28, Thousand Oaks 27, Maria Carrillo 26, Foothill 20, Skyline 20, El Cerrito 19, St. Mary's 16, California 16, De La Salle 13, Pinole Valley 8, Antioch 7, Deer Valley 6, San Ramon Valley 6, College Park 4, Monte Vista 1, Miramonte 0.5.

Individual results
Sprint medley: Bishop O'Dowd 3:39.85, Maria Carrillo 3:42.58, James Logan 3:42.59, 400 relay: Skyline 4:24, Carson 4:26, Newark Memorial 4:29, 1,600: Andrew Dawson (Vallejo) 4:17, Foster Ghilley (James Logan) 4:19.21, Jake Schmitt (Redwood) 4:22.12, 3,200 relay: Castro Valley 8:17.16, James Logan 8:19.32, Brandon Myer (Carson) 8:19.10, Trent Bradley (Vallejo) 5:03.03, Distance medley: Monterey 10:50.60, Milpitas 10:54.92, Davis 11:01.94, 110H: Kevin Graddock (James Logan) 14.30, Jason Bolden-Anderson (St. Mary's) 14.47, Nicholas Cassell (California) 15.47, 100: Chris Henry (Edison) 10.77, Wopame Oasala (Pinole Valley) 10.79, Kenny O'Neal (Skyline) 10.80, 800 relay: Carson 1:29.85, Santa Rosa 1:31.05, San Leandro 1:31.22, 1,600: Dawson (Vallejo) 1:56.48, Jacob Evans (Aplos) 1:56.52, J.K. Withers (Cardinal Newman) 1:57.49, 300H: Bolden-Anderson (St. Mary's) 39.74, Neo Kolyubayong (California) 40.54, Ulysses Dalton (Vallejo) 41.60, 3,200: Schmitt (Redwood) 9:25.50, Ruben Mora-Roman (Analay) 9:26.70, Scott Baits (San Ramon Valley) 9:29.17, 1,600 relay: Carson 2:22.68, Berkeley 3:25.55, Vallejo 3:26.09, LJ: Eric Wright (Phoenix-San Francisco) 21-10 1/4, Mario Valencia (Mater Dei-Santa Ana) 21-3, Eugene Anderson (San Leandro) 21-1 1/4, TJ: Nicolea Salazar (James Logan) 44-4 1/4, Valencia (Mater Dei) 43-10 1/4, Marcus Pierce (Will C. Wood-Vacaville) 43-5, MJ: Jake Maus (Napa) 6-5, Roger Francis (De La Salle) 5-2, Sean Davis (Thousand Oaks) 6-2, 8P: Kyle Hammerquist (The Webb Schools-Ciaramonte) 52-5 1/4, Troy Baker (Calaveras-San Andreas) 52-4 1/4, Billy Willis (Antioch) 51-3, PW: Matt Tilghast (Montgomery) 15-0, Mirth Tran (Mt. Pleasant-Santa Jose) 14-6, Mike Tilghast (Montgomery) 14-6, DT: Joe Perkins (Vacaville) 173-2, Hammerquist (The Webb Schools) 172-4, Dane Krings (El Molino) 170-6

Sonoma Valley in the girls high jump. Falk, the region leader, finished second with a leap of 5-6. Wiley tied a meet record with a 5-8 mark.

In the boys high jump, De La Salle's Roger Francis produced a second-place finish with a mark of 6-2.

Possibly the biggest surprise of the meet occurred in the boys

GIRLS

Oakland Invitational

At Edwards Stadium, UC Berkeley
Team scores: James Logan 56, Merrill West-Tracy 78, El Cerrito 41, College Park 40, Holy Names 32, Milpitas 31, Bishop O'Dowd 28, International Studies Academy-San Francisco 28, Deer Valley 26, Valley Christian-Santa Jose 22, Other local teams: Berkeley 15, Hercules 12, Berean Christian 10, Foothill 10, San Ramon Valley 8, Carondelet 8, St. Mary's 6, Amador Valley 4, California 2, Pittsburg 1, Granada 1.

Individual results
Distance medley: Milpitas 12:42.44, Maria Carrillo 12:56.43, College Park 13:04.89, Sprint medley: James Logan 1:44.53, Hercules 1:51.23, James Logan 1:53.22, 400 relay: James Logan 4:24.70, Holy Names 4:27.37, Merrill West-Tracy 4:29.32, 3,200 relay: Castro Valley 10:05.07, James Logan 10:16.89, Foothill 10:26.50, 800 relay: James Logan 1:39.87, Holy Names 1:42.56, International Studies 1:45.45, 400: Brittain Dudley (James Logan) 55.77, Ashley Monfort (Valley Christian) 57.55, Wika Porter (Holy Names) 58.02, 1,600: Laura Miller (Woodcreek-Roseville) 5:07.03, Shelby Leland (Jehovah) 5:09.04, Gabriela Rose-Solito (St. Mary's-Berkeley) 5:14.10, 100H: Ashley Lodree (El Cerrito) 13.91, Tally Stewart (James Logan) 14.01, Galina Becker (Mt. 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Arts

Rowan finds musical meeting place

■ Free show April 12 in El Cerrito will explore the world of roots music

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

For many artists, simply releasing one album per year is a major undertaking. But Peter Rowan is known for breaking the mold: He put out four discs in 2002.

"It just kind of worked out that way," laughed Rowan.

Covering the expanse of his musical tastes, from Appalachia to tropical islands, Rowan brought a four-decade career into perspective with the albums "Reggaeabilly" (recorded in Jamaica and Nashville), "Old and in the Gray" (with a line-up and tune similar to the 1973 classic "Old and in the Way"), and "High Lonesome Cowboy," on which Rowan and Don Edwards found the common ground of American roots music while harmonizing on cowboy ballads as well as Woody Guthrie and Bill Monroe standards.

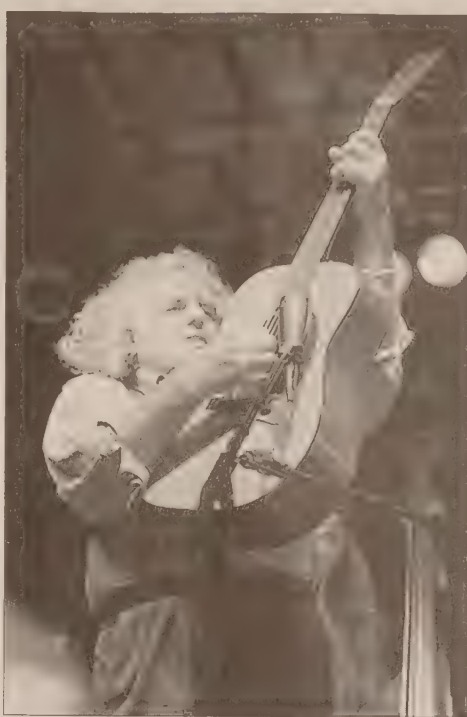
This productivity follows an intense period of personal reflection for Rowan.

"About five years ago, I lost a few friends and didn't feel like recording," Rowan said. Among his musical compatriots who fell by the wayside were Charles Sawtell, Roy Huskey and Townes Van Zandt.

"I was left with a kind of empty feeling, and I withdrew," he said. Recharging his spirit at his Texas home, he came to the realization that "it was time to do things based on my vision." And that spurred him to return to projects he had set on the shelf.

Rowan plays Saturday at Down Home Music with his brothers Lorin and Chris, his musical collaborators during their Massachusetts childhood, plus banjo player Avram Siegel, fiddler Tom Bekeny and bassist Tom Martin.

For last year's album "Crazy People," the three brothers harmonized on old-time music, bluegrass and Tex-Mex, including two cuts with accordion legend Flaco Jimenez. With the same combination of material



PETER ROWAN left Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys in the '60s to follow his own eclectic path, which led to reggae, cowboy ballads and Tex-Mex.

CONCERT

WHAT: Rowan Brothers Acoustic Show

WHERE: Down Home Music, 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12

TICKETS: Free

CALL: 510-525-2129

Rowan has bestowed on his audiences since he left Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys in the mid-'60s and began to follow his own path, "Crazy People" was Peter Rowan's fourth collaboration in 2002.

He plays guitar primarily, but in combination with other musicians he picks up a mandolin or banjo. As the eldest brother, he assumes the role of bandleader, though each brother is a bandleader in his own right. (Coincidentally, brother Lorin also plays in Peter's reggae band.)

"It's a special kind of torture that only brothers could understand," laughed Rowan. Lorin Rowan also doubles on guitar and mandolin, while Chris sticks to the guitar and high harmony vocals. Like many families that perform together, the Rowans excel at blending their voices into one pure sound.

"For our harmonies to be as

natural as can be, we need an acoustic setting," said Rowan. "We need a bluegrass band that can really handle the material."

While you may hear bluegrass and Carter Family standards on Saturday, you're just as likely to hear Rowan-penned nuggets like "Land of the Navajo" and "Free Mexican Airforce," and more recent beauties like "Dust Bowl Children."

Rowan has married his New England boyhood obsession with cowboys and Indians to his adult experiences of a road musician. He is schooled in the strict discipline of Kentucky bluegrass, yet his music is informed equally by the freedom of the Beats and the psychedelic age.

Rowan has a knack for animating a variety of characters — a homeless drifter, a peyote-popping smuggler, an Okie migrant or a Chinese immigrant.

Rowan discussed the joy and struggle of playing with kin. "When we get together there's a nice spark and a musical agreement. I've accepted being the leader, and it's an issue of how to be fair and how to be creative," he said. Keeping a separate solo career, with a band including noted guitar slinger Tony Rice, gives him the freedom to express his entire musical vision, he said.

"I've come to agree with my destiny," he said. "I am a bluegrass musician, and I have to keep coming back to that. (Sometimes) it's the easiest way to get the point across."

But the vision still includes the common rhythmic skank of reggae guitar and bluegrass mandolin, what Rowan calls "two musical trees growing from the same roots."

Fans can expect Saturday's concert to push boundaries as only Rowan can.

"We'll do everything from hard-core bluegrass to kind of swampy, funky acoustic stuff," said Rowan. "To not be able to have it pinned down, that's cool. Who cares about the identity as long as it swings?"

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EVENTS

STAGE

AURORA THEATRE — "Partition" by Ira Hauptman, April 17 through May 18. The story of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan combines realistic scenes of his study at Cambridge with mystical visions of East Indian goddesses and mathematical icons. \$32 to \$38. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org.

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "Surface Transit" by Sarah Jones. April 24 through May 18. A one-woman show, written and performed by Jones, explores the themes of race, religion, gender, all with a comedic slant and bits of political humor.

\$38 to \$54. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; April 26 and May 10, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; May 3, 2 p.m.; May 17, 8 p.m.; April 27, May 4 and May 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; May 11, 7 p.m. NO PERFORMANCES APRIL 25 AND MAY 14. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BRTIX or www.berkeleyrep.org.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "Cinderella Waltz" by Don Nigro, through May 3. This takes the story of Cinderella and her Prince and little further. It examines the idea of love being something different and possibly dangerous.

\$13. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 13 and April 27, 2:30 p.m. 105 Park Place, Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org.

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "The Vampires" by Harry Kondoleon, April 12 through May 10. A play that falls in the magical-surrealism genre, about a carpenter who would rather create art, his wife who supports and undermines her husband and a costume designer who thinks her husband is a vampire. They go about their lives living the constant dilemma of good versus evil.

\$18 general; \$12 children and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-655-0813 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — California Friends of Louisiana French Music, April 12, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$5 to \$8. Kotjota, April 12, 9:30 p.m. \$13. West African Refugee Community Celebration, April 14, 6:30 p.m. Live music and cuisine from West Africa, hosted by the International Rescue Committee. 415-863-3777 or www.thirc.org.

Motor Dude Zydeco, April 15, 8:30 p.m. Led by Billy Wilson, this band performs a high energy-hybrid of Cajun and zydeco styles. \$9.

Reggae Angels, Native Elements, One Groove and DJ Jah Light, April 19, 9 p.m. An evening of live reggae music. \$13.

Wake the Dead, April 20, 8:30 p.m. An evening of dance and music involving a mixture of traditional Celtic jigs and reels with Grateful Dead songs, played on Irish harp and uilleann pipes. \$14.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com.

BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Nicole McRory, April 12. Sterling Devish, April 18. Nicole McRory, April 19. Session, April 20, 7 p.m.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com.

BERKELEY FELLOWSHIP OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS — Bernard Gilbert, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

\$5 to \$10. Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. 510-540-0898.

BJORNSON HALL — "Pillars of Hope," April 19, 7 p.m. This event celebrates the essence of hip-hop and its various forms, including break dancing, graffiti art and DJs. Performing artists include members of The Delinquent Monastery, Epic Center, NME and Chosen Ones Collective, who will be presenting their new and unique sound.

\$5. 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-1901 or www.subtractionproductions.com.

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Solemite, April 12.

Sun Masons, Boomschank, Reorchestra, April 13.

Spunk, April 17.

Servants, Autopunch, Alive for Awhile, April 18.

Crown City Rockers, Lunar Heights, Feenon Circle, April 19.

\$3 to \$10 general unless otherwise noted. For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or www.blakesontelegraph.com.

CATO'S ALICE HOUSE — Motion Trio, April 12.

Casini Mission, April 13.

Charles Wheel, April 16.

Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos, April 19.

Jonah Minterton Quartet, April 20.

Free. Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

3881 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-855-3349 or www.mrcato.com.

DOWNTOWN — Jackie Ryan, April 11.

James Davis, April 12.

Mimi Fox, April 15.

Jules Broussard and Ned Boynton, April 16.

Ken El Labrijano, April 17.

Tres Almas, April 18.

Post Junk Trio, April 19.

Free. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com.

FOO FIGHTERS — April 11, 7:30 p.m. With Transplants, Special Goodness.

Shotgun examines — critic or vampire



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

EARLY BIRDS HAVE one last shot tonight for a pay-what-you-can preview of "The Vampires," a Shotgun Players production opening tomorrow night at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave. at Hearst Avenue, Berkeley. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

The darkly comic play by the late Harry Kondoleon runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., through May 10.

In "The Vampires," Kondoleon creates a day in the life of a strange suburban household — a carpenter turned playwright; his wife who strives both to support and subvert her husband, and a savaging drama critic. Or is he truly a vampire? Throw in a precocious heroin-junkie daughter, add another couple and there you have it.

Kondoleon wrote "The Vampires" in 1984, the year after he received the Obie Award for Most Promising Young Playwright. He died in 1994 at age 39, leaving an incredible legacy of 17 plays marked by bristling wit and twisted relationships.

Shotgun member Joanie McBrien is directing this production. It features the company's artistic director and founder, Patrick Dooley, along with Beth Donohue Templeton, Kimberly Wilday, Nina Auslander, David Maier and Robert Martinez.

Tickets for opening night are \$20. Prices for the rest of the run are \$18 general, \$12 for seniors, TBA members and youths, and \$10 for everybody every Thursday. Call 510-704-8210, or check out www.shotgunplayers.org.

ORPHANED TWICE AT 13:



NINA AUSLANDER is Zivia in Harry Kondoleon's "The Vampires," by the Shotgun Players.

If you played an orphan in a hit musical last spring and you're cast as an orphan again in another musical opening tonight, does it mean you're type-cast?

That's Kelsey Wunderle's wonder. And what a thought — to be type-cast when you're only 13 years old. But Kelsey, who played the title role last year in "Oliver," has nothing to worry about. This time, she not only gets another plum single-name title role, she's back to being a girl — "Annie," the heroine of the old-time comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," which first appeared in 1924.

"Annie" opens tonight at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, and plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through 24, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on April 20 and 27, and May 4 and 11. Tickets are \$20 general; \$12 for youths 16 and under. Call 510-524-9132. Jan Brown is directing.

In addition to its story line, "Annie" was the first comic

strip to give voice to the conservative political philosophy of its creator, Harold Gray (1894-1968). However, this factoid doesn't intrude heavily into the musical. Well, on the other hand, there is rich, bald and benevolent Daddy Warbucks whose name provides a tip-off to the creator's idea of an admirable source of wealth.

OTHER COMIC STRIP

SHOWS: "Annie" is not the only musical based on comic strip characters. "Li'l Abner" in 1956 brought to life on stage the backwoods denizens of Dogpatch, including the strong-as-a-mule title character with a brain to match; his ever-lovin' Daisy Mae, and Mammy and Pappy Yokum; Marmy Sam, Evil Eye Fleagle, the revered Confederate hero Jubilation T. Cornpone and many others. Al Capp, the strip's creator, also slipped in some snide anti-establishment political asides in his daily strips.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," populated with young-

sters from the late Charles M. Schulz's much-loved "Peanuts" (still carried in re-runs in the Times) was a low-budget, warm-hearted success on Broadway in 1967. The original Charlie, incidentally, was played by Gary Burghoff who went on to become Radar, the prescient company clerk in the TV series "M*A*S*H."

So much for the funnies.

Let's get back to business.

WORLD PREMIERE AT

AURORA: The world premiere of Ira Hauptman's new drama, "Partition," begins in preview performances tonight at Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Previews continue at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 8 p.m. next Wednesday. Show opens April 17 and plays at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays through May 18. No 7 p.m. show on April 13.

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Bill Mann
Multimedia Notes

Dennis Miller's
'Feed' is
all-done TV

COMEDIAN AND former
"Saturday Night Football"
analyst Dennis Miller, one of
the highest performers
to return to TV with a
new show tomorrow after a
month absence, "The Raw
HBO special debut-
tuesday night at 9, is the
first hour of comedy I've
seen on TV all year. Not only is
it bright and iconoclastic,
it's largely apolitical. He does
political axes to grind
in here, he's an equal-op-
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He attacks Alaska-drilling
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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Christine Dolen, Karen Heller, Chris Hewitt and Connie Ogle, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Chris Lemire, Ben Nuckols, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Evan Henerson, Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Charles Ealy, Tom Maustard, Chris Vognar, Matt Weitz and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Christopher Kelly and Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Batake, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ABOUT SCHMIDT": If you love Jack Nicholson, seeing Alexander Payne's ("Election") dark and rather mournful comedy should be high on your list. It features the actor in a state of mind in which we rarely see him: vulnerable, soul-searching and compromising in a way that ordinary people must often be. He is Nebraska Warren Schmidt, recently retired and widowed, and realizing how futile his life has been. Only one means to salvation: Stop his daughter (Hope Davis) from marrying a doofus waterbed salesman

(Dermot Mulroney). — M. Pols. (R: language and brief nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. A

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-winning performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"AGENT CODY BANKS": The plot, such as it is, concerns Cody (Frankie Muniz), a middle-class Seattle teen who attends secret spy camp and is hired by the CIA to court Natalie (Hilary Duff), daughter of the richest absent-minded scientist in movie history, unwittingly in cahoots with evil guys threatening to — what else? — take over the world. This movie is written and directed on auto-pilot, containing every cliché endemic to these movies: clueless parents, bratty brother, nasty rich kids, pool fight, food fight, girls who can't drive. — K. Heller. (PG: action violence, mild language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. D

"AMANDLA! A REVOLUTION IN FOUR PART HARMONY": This docu-

mentary about the toppling of apartheid and South Africa's long struggle for liberation from white domination threads together interviews and archival clips with a percolating soundtrack. Director Lee Hirsch makes the case that musical expression was central to the push for self-determination. Every chapter in the often brutal, ultimately triumphant saga is accompanied by songs of defiance, mourning, pride and despair. "Amandla" is the Xhosa word for power, and the film certainly lives up to its name. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: scenes of rioting and police brutality, and discussions of torture.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B+

"BASIC": This thriller entertains and challenges you to pay attention to figure out its plot and to connect its clues. A patrol of U.S. Army Rangers goes on a jungle training exercise in Panama in the middle of a hurricane. Why? "Rangers do not wait for good weather!" barks their sergeant, the crusty and profane Samuel L. Jackson. A few hours later, a chopper picks them up. But most of the patrol are gone, dead. John Travolta plays a hard-living disgraced DEA agent and ex-Ranger called in get to the bottom of this "training accident" before the prisoners are shipped stateside and any chance of damage control is lost in the machinery of military justice. Too bad the script is more concerned with its puzzle than with making us care to solve it. — R. Moore. (R: violence, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C+

"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM": This genial ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in

Britain last year. Jess (Parminder Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that ripples outward from her own household and becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. C-

"BOAT TRIP": This film is juvenile enough to suck away a few IQ points. Jerry (Cuba Gooding Jr.) and Nick (Horatio Sanz) are two lunkheads who mistakenly end up on a gay cruise. Jerry, distraught over losing the affections of Felicia (Vivica A. Fox), meets Woman of His Dreams No. 2 (Roselyn Sanchez), the only female staff member aboard. She seems to like him, but then, she thinks he's gay. So Jerry decides to pretend to be gay because ... well, because if he didn't, we wouldn't get to see all the high jinks that ensue. — C. Ogle. (R: strong sexual content, language, some drug material.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. D-

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE": This is one high-contrast please-the-masses comedy that works. Uptight Peter Sanderson (Steve Martin) is a divorced father of two. His job as tax attorney at a stuffy law firm allows no time to connect with his kids. Longing for some semblance of romance, he arranges a rendezvous with an alleged Ivy League female attorney he befriended on the Internet. But Charlene Morton (Queen Latifah) turns out to have a criminal record instead of a law degree, though she maintains her innocence. She teaches him to loosen up, talk the right lingo and establish some credit with his offspring. Everyone seems to have a good time. If you can ignore the plot contrivances, so will you. — P. Wuntch. (PG-13: language, drugs, sexuality, nudity, violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical.

M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"CITY OF GOD": Fernando Meirelles' scorching anecdotal history of violence in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, traces the decline of a neighborhood,

Cidade de Deus (City of God), from a sun-baked shantytown where children while away the days in soccer games and petty thievery into a shadowy slum teeming with armed adolescent warriors. The portrait of a boy soldier enlisting in a volunteer criminal army with an astronomical mortality rate is one of the movie's many profoundly unsettling images. Adapted from a best-selling novel by Paulo Lins, who grew up in Cidade de Deus, its narrator, Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), is a young photographer from the same neighborhood, whose loose-jointed yarns follow the fates of a number of his childhood acquaintances. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and graphic sex talk.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A-

"THE CORE": This disaster epic never had a chance at being fine filmmaking, but it might have been worth a few pulpy thrills if it played up the cheesiness of its premise: Two scientists (Hilary Swank and Aaron Eckhart) tunnel to the Earth's core to set off a nuclear reaction that will start it spinning again and avert global destruction. Of course, they also fall in love. It's the sort of movie where characters say "Good luck and Godspeed" to each other. We want to see blow-it-up-real-good effects, but the movie tries to make us pay for our enjoyment of the mayhem by teaching us about the moral imperative that binds us to Mother Nature. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: sci-fi situations, brief strong language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. D-

"DREAMCATCHER": Another adaptation of a Stephen King book where someone wears a terrifyingly deranged smile. The grin in this one, directed by Lawrence Kasdan, isn't as spooky as Jack Nicholson's in "The Shining," but it's still effective. Four buddies with special powers encounter strange things while hunting in the Maine woods. There's a wonderful ominous quality to the film's first half, but it gets silly after that, too reliant on special effects. Still, the relationships seem real, and it keeps its humor, even when it gets scary. — M. Pols. (R: violence, gore language.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. B

"FAR FROM HEAVEN": Perhaps only one filmmaker a year finds a new way to make our mouths hang open. Currently, it is writer/director Todd Haynes, who bravely attacks our ennui with the last weapon we might have expected, a Douglas Sirk-style overwrought melodrama complete with the repressed 1950s, right with a Technicolor palette and a cheesy musical score. Julianne Moore stars as a gracious Connecticut housewife who discovers that her loving husband (Dennis Quaid) is actually gay. A blast of air, albeit deliberately stagnant, up the skirts of the movingalong public. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, sexual content, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A

"GANGS OF NEW YORK": For 30 years, Martin Scorsese has longed to take us back to the days when New York City was the dangerous home of warring immigrants. The director's passionate and laudable intent is to show young America at its most elemental, boiling over with bigotry and resentments, free of the idealistic gloss fiction often gives our history. It's unfortunate, then, that "Gangs" — based on a semi-journalistic cult book — never plunges with real life. Plenty of veins get sliced open, but there's no sense that the blood pouring forth ac-

tually comes from a human. Daniel-Day Lewis steals the Bill the Butcher, head of the outfitting Leonardo DiCaprio leader of the other. — M. Pols. (R: intense violence, sexuality, language.) 2 hours, 45 minutes. A

"HEAD OF STATE": Posters don't expect to see the White House blown to smithereens in the wake of a goofy comedy. But that's the pens in Chris Rock's mostly farce about the first African-American presidential candidate. It's literally toothless. It doesn't work. Rock's performance is woeful. Mac, who plays Rock's big brother, has a commercial presence, and the energy level seems to rise on screen. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: some sexuality and drug use.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C-

"THE HOURS": Director Stephen Daldry's film is based on a prize-winning tribute to Virginia Woolf, which imagines her 1915 how her fiction resonates with two women in the future. Moore and Meryl Streep play her and Nicole Kidman is the per as Woolf. She's been with a fake nose; even her hair is darker than usual, as if by the writer's mania. The convincing bond as a group of height of her craft, and as desperate to escape the mental insanity. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some thematic elements, sexual violence, brief strong language.) 53 minutes. A

"HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS": Magazine writer (Katie Couric) gets assignment to write how women drive men away. She chooses as case an advertising executive (Matthew McConaughey), his own trickery, a bet to win a woman fall in love with him and rather true, battle of the follows. Despite this freshness, "How To" does not signal the of the romantic comedy grows clumsy and formulaic second half. It does, however, cate that Julia Roberts can her crown. Hudson, with timing, willingness to be genuine as sunny, genuine as being as Roberts', is the new of romantic comedy. You can audience falling for her. — (PG-13: some sex-related language.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B-

"THE HUNTED": Atrocious laughable implausibilities and violent throat slashings that would reasonably want to the worst offense is that the actor Tommy Lee Jones appears to be playing a dog. He's surrounded L.T. Bonham, a civil

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday April 11

Act 1 and 2
2128 Century St., Berkeley 510-548-7249
●Chaos (Not Rated) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30.
●The Good Thief (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.

Albany Twin
5614 Soledad Ave., Albany 510-524-9588
●Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30.
●The Pianist (R) 12:45, 4:30, 8.

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
●Anger Management (PG-13) 1, 4, 5, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:15.
●Basic (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45.
●Bend It Like Beckham 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55.
●Boat Trip (R) 3:30, 8.
●Bringing Down the House 1:45, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50.
●Chicago (PG-13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20.
●Dysfunctional Family (R) 1:45, 3:55, 6:10, 8:15, 10:30.
●A Man Apart (R) 1:10, 2:10, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:30, 8:45, 10:15, 11:20.
●Old School (R) 1:20, 5:50, 10:15.
●Phone Booth (R) 1:05, 2:15, 3:10, 4:20, 5:15, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:15, 11:20.
●The Pianist (R) 1, 4, 7:15, 10:30, 10:45.
●Spirted Away (PG) 1, 6:15.
●What a Girl Wants 1:30, 3:45, 5, 7:30, 9, 10:05.

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-848-0249
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 6:30, 9.
●Dysfunctional Family (R) 7.
●House of 1000 Corpses (R) 7:15, 9:25.
●Spun (Not Rated) 9:15.
Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
●About Schmidt (R) 4:30, 9.
●Divine Intervention (Not Rated) 7:10.
●Frida (R) 4:50, 9.
●The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 4:35, 8:05.
●Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time (Not Rated) 7:10.

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue Oakland 510-452-3556
●Chicago (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.
●House of 1000 Corpses (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45.
●Phone Booth (R) 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
●Piglet's Big Movie (G) 12.
●What a Girl Wants 11:30, 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:15.

Jack London Stadium *
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
●Anger Management (PG-13) 11, 12, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10.
●The Core (PG-13) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10:10.
●Dysfunctional Family (R) 11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55, 10:05.
●Head of State 11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25.
●A Man Apart (R) 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55.
●Phone Booth 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40.
●What a Girl Wants 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre *
1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1836
●Phone Booth (R) 6, 8, 9:45.
●Piglet's Big Movie (G) 6:15.
●Sandstorm (Not Rated) 7:45.
Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●25th Hour (R) 7.
●Adaptation (R) 9:15.
●The Hours (PG-13) 6:30.
●Old School (R) 9:45.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-654-2758
●Bend It Like Beckham 1:15, 3:50, 6:45, 9:20.
●Laurel Canyon (R) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:30.
●The Pianist (R) 1, 6:30.
●The Quiet American (R) 4:10, 9:40.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
●Anger Management (PG-13) 11:55, 12:45, 2, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:40, 5:45, 7, 7:30, 8, 9:30, 10, 10:30.
●Chicago (PG-13) 12:05, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15.
●The Core (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 7, 10.
●Head of State (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:35,

Shattuck Cinemas *
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-644-2992
●Amandla! A Revolution in Four Part Harmony (PG-13) 2:10, 6:55.
●Bend It Like Beckham 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 10.
●Cowboy Bebop: The Movie (R) 1:15, 4, 6:30, 9:35.
●The Hours (PG-13) 4:35, 9:20.
●Laurel Canyon (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50.
●Levity (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45.
●A Man Apart (R) 2, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55.
●The Quiet American (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:40.
●Rabbit-Proof Fence 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:40.
●Spirted Away (PG) 1, 3:45.
●Talk to Her (R) 6:40, 9:15.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10 *
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492
●Agent Cody Banks (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8, 10:10.
●The Core (PG-13) 12, 1:40, 3:30, 4:40, 7, 7:40, 10, 10:40.
●Dreamcatcher (R) 12:10, 3:20, 7:20, 10:20.
●Head of State (PG-13) 12, 12:40, 2:10, 5:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30, 10:40.
●House of 1000 Corpses (R) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:20.
●The Hunted (R) 7, 9:20.
●Laurel Canyon (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:40.
●Piglet's Big Movie (G) 12:30, 2:20, 4:50.
●The Quiet American (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50.

Central Contra Costa
Renaissance Orinda Theatre *
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
●Phone Booth (R) 11:45, 1:45, 4, 6, 8, 9:45.
●The Pianist (R) 12:30, 3:15, 6:15, 9.
Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
●Chicago (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.
Rheem Theatre *
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
●Anger Management (PG-13) 4:30, 7, 9:25.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 4:40, 7:15, 9:30.
●The Quiet American (R) 5, 7:40, 9:40.
●What a Girl Wants (PG) 4:50, 7:30, 9:35.

West Contra Costa
Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
●Agent Cody Banks (PG) 11:55, 2:25.
●Anger Management (PG-13) 11:20, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 4:55, 5:30, 6:15, 6:50, 7:25, 8, 8:45, 9:20, 9:55, 10:30.
●Basic (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8, 10:20.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10.
●Chicago (PG-13) 11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50.
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●Dreamcatcher (R) 1, 10:10.
●Dysfunctional Family (R) 11:20, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:45, 9:55.
●Head of State (PG-13) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05.
●House of 1000 Corpses (R) 11:30, 1:40, 3:50, 6, 8:05, 10:15.
●A Man Apart (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.
●Phone Booth (R) 11:30, 12:25, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:25, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:25.
●What a Girl Wants (PG) 11:35, 12:35, 2, 2:55, 4:25, 5:20, 7, 7:55, 9:25.

San Francisco
AMC Van Ness 14 *
1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Anger Management (PG-13) 1:55, 2:25, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:50, 10:20.
●Basic (R) 8:15, 10:35.
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 2:20, 5:20, 8, 10:30.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 2:10, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45.
●The Core (PG-13) 1:05, 4:10, 7:30, 10:35.
●Dreamcatcher (R) 1, 4:15, 7:25.
●Dysfunctional Family (R) 10:45.
●Head of State (PG-13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:55, 8:25, 10:50.

The Hours (PG-13) 2, 5:45.
●The Hunted (R) 1:05, 3:20, 10:50.
●A Man Apart (R) 1:40, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40.
●Old School (R) 1:20, 3:40, 6, 8:20, 10:40.
●Phone Booth (R) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:35, 9:55.
●Piglet's Big Movie (G) 1:10, 3:25.
●View From the Top (PG-13) 5:40, 7:45, 10.
●What a Girl Wants (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40.
AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-931-9800
●Basic (R) 2:05, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10.
●The Core (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20.
●Head of State (PG-13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.
●A Man Apart (R) 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30.
●Phone Booth (R) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 8, 10:15.
●Spirted Away (PG) 1:05, 4, 7, 9:50.
●What a Girl Wants (PG) 1:25, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30.

Bridge Theatre *
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213
●The Good Thief (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:40.

Castro Theatre *
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
●Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30.

Clay Theatre
2281 Fillmore St., San Francisco 415-346-1124
●Better Off Dead (PG).
●The Pianist (R) 4:30, 8.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12:10, 1, 2:35, 4, 5:05, 7, 7:30, 9:30, 10.
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50.
●Laurel Canyon (R) 12, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10.
●Talk to Her (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45.

Lumiere Theatre *
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201
●Assassination Tango (R) 7, 9:30.
●Levity (R) 7:15, 9:45.
●Spun (Not Rated) 7:30, 10.

Opera Plaza Cinema *
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183
●Chaos (Not Rated) 2:30, 7:30.
●Cowboy Bebop: The Movie (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.
●Divine Intervention (Not Rated) 5, 10.
●Stevie (Not Rated) 2:10, 5:20, 8:30.
●Unknown Pleasures (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50.

The Red Vic Theatre *
1727 Haight St., San Francisco 415-668-3994
●Sick Puppy Festival (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

The Roxie Theatre *
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
●Marion Bridge (Not Rated) 6, 8, 10.

Loews Theatres Metreon *
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
●Anger Management (PG-13) 10:40, 11:20, 12, 12:40, 1:20, 2, 2:40, 3:20, 4, 4:40, 5:30, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:20, 9, 9:40, 10:20, 11:10, 11:50.
●Basic (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:15.
●Chicago (PG-13) 10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10.
●The Core (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 7, 10:10.
●Dreamcatcher (R) 11:30.
●Head of State (PG-13) 11:10, 1, 3:40, 7:20, 9:50.
●A Man Apart (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30, 12.
●Old School (R) 6:20, 8:10, 11:20.
●Phone Booth (R) 11, 12:20, 1, 1:40, 2:50, 3:30, 4:20, 5:20, 6, 6:30, 7:50, 8:30, 9:20, 10:30, 11:40.
●Spirted Away (PG) 11:50, 3:10.
●View From the Top (PG-13) 10:50, 10:40.
●What a Girl Wants (PG) 12:35, 3:25, 6:15, 9:05.

Loews IMAX Theatre *
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
●Ghosts of the Abyss (G) 10:30, 12:10, 1:50, 3:30, 5:10, 7, 8:50, 10:40.
United Artists Galaxy 4 *
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790
●Adaptation (R) 4, 7, 9:45.
●Chicago (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:30.
●Gangs of New York (R) 12:45, 4:30, 8.
●Sandstorm (Not Rated) 1:15.
●Spirted Away (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50.

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ENSEMBLE TARTIT'S tour includes stops in Santa Cruz and Berkeley.

PREVIEW

- WHO: Ensemble Tartit
- WHEN: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- WHERE: Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley
- HOW MUCH: \$10-\$15
- CONTACT: 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com

selves — helped make Timbuktu a thriving university town, where some of the world's most advanced scholars wrote treatises on mathematics, physics, medicine and Sufi-inspired Islamic spirituality.

Related to North Africa's indigenous Amazigh (or Berber) peoples, the Tuareg resisted French colonialism into the late 19th century, earning a reputation as fierce and wily desert warriors.

With the end of French colonial rule in the 1960s, Tuareg society found itself divided by the borders of five new countries: Algeria, Libya, Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta).

"Most people say it's a loose confederation of people speaking a similar language and somewhat similar cultural practices," says Thomas K. Seligman, who

has worked with the Tuareg community in Niger for 30 years. "What's interesting to me is the Tuareg are liminal people who exist in transition between people typed as Berber, Mediterranean and African. They are part of both, or neither, or all of the above."

A devastating drought in the 1970s and '80s almost wiped out the Tuareg way of life, killing off camels and goats and forcing most Tuareg to settle in cities. A rebellion against Mali's military government in the early '90s dispersed the Tuareg further, leaving many exiled in refugee camps in Mauritania, Algeria and Burkina Faso. Fadimata Walett Oumar, Ensemble Tartit's founder, was working with the United Nations in a Burkina Faso refugee camp when she assembled the group for a music festival in Belgium in 1995.

"I think of myself as an ambassador of Tuareg culture," says Oumar in French, with Loerke serving as translator. "I love to sing and I love to dance. It's a normal, everyday breathing thing we do."

A peace accord in 1996 allowed many Tuareg men to join the Malian army, leaving many women to fend for themselves. Ensemble Tartit has helped raise funds to support education and micro-enterprises. The group

recorded a gorgeous CD, "Ichichila" (Network), that features both traditional songs and new pieces addressing the Tuareg present-day situation. The seemingly simple instruments are small and easily transportable, such as the *imzad*, a one-stringed violin made from a gourd, and the *tinde*, a wooden mortar used to grind grains that becomes a percussion instrument when covered by a goatskin.

While Mali has produced some of Africa's best-known artists, international stars including Ali Farka Toure, Oumou Sangare and Habib Koite, Ensemble Tartit has performed across Europe with a startlingly beautiful sound unlike better-known Malian groups.

"It's a sound that's really a result of the exodus that the Tuareg has experienced," Mohamed says. "This is a new wave. They were feeling the pain of separation. They were saddened with the conditions of the Tuareg. We had become destitute. It put us in a state of shock. We are part of Mali. We contributed to the political, commercial and social development of Mali. When you listen to these songs, it makes you want to go back to the Sahara, to the Tuareg life. The music is a way of preserving what makes us Tuareg."

Events

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\$27.50. Henry J. Kaiser Arena, 10 Tenth St., Oakland. 415-421-TIXS, www.ticketmaster.com.

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Utah Phillips, April 12. \$19.50 to \$20.50. Kalman Balogh and the Gypsy Cimbalom Band, April 13. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Carol Danney, April 16. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Patty Larkin, April 17 and April 18. \$18.50 to \$19.50.

Relly and Maloney, April 19. \$18.50 to \$19.50.

Nigerian Brothers, April 20. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org

KIMBALL'S EAST — Stanley Jordan, April 11 through April 13. \$26. Patty Austin, April 18 through April 20. \$30

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. East Bay Public Market, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-658-2555 or 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

LA PENNA CULTURAL CENTER — Grupo Raiz, April 11, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14

De Rompe y Raja, April 12. \$30 to \$15.

Two Tricks, April 13, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$50. Mingus Armutgus and Pete Escovedo, April 18, 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$15. Collective Soul, The Basics, Deuce Eclipse, The Attik, Isis, April 19, 8:30 p.m. \$10.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapenna.org

"LISTEN AND BE HEARD" — Vallejo's only weekly open mic and jam session, featuring poetry and live music.

\$7. Rafael's Bar, 301 Nebraska St., Vallejo. (707) 645-1333 or www.Cinasphere.com

MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — Sea Chanties and Sons of the Waterways, Tuesdays, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-552-6263 or www.mcgrathspub.com

924 GILMAN ST. — This Blike is a Pipe Bomb, Bananas, Operation Make Out, Pirk the Pilot, Stalker Potential, April 11, 8 p.m.

Butchies, Free Verse, April 13, 5 p.m. Groove Ghoulies, Apers, Maltrats, Mind, April 18.

Plan 9, Lo Fi Neilsans, Punk Rock Orchestra, Find Him and Kill him, Doppelganger, April 19.

Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9246

PARAMOUNT THEATRE — Fred Hammond and the Radicals for Christ, April 12, 8 p.m.

\$29.50 to \$41.50. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 925-685-TIXS, 510-625-TIXS.

415-421-TIXS or www.ticketmaster.com

QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — Starboard Watch, Thursdays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland 510-536-2050

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Winfred E. Eye, Sonny Smith, Bart Davenport, April 11. \$6

Daavid Allen's University of Errors, Faun Fables, April 12. \$8.

Darryl Cherney and the Chernobles, Francine Allen, April 17, 9:30 p.m. \$5 to \$10.

Smelly Kelly's Plain High Drifters, Yard Sale, Neighborhood Deeds, April 18. \$6.

High Water Rising, Noelle Hampton, Meriwether, April 19. \$5.

Irish Music Session, April 20, 8 p.m. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082

YOSHIS — Christian McBride Band, April 11 through April 13. \$18

Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, April 14 \$10.

Elvin Jones Jazz Machine, April 15 through April 20. \$12 to \$26

Sunday Children's Matinee, \$10 per adult with one child; \$5 children. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

CAL PERFORMANCES — Camerata Sweden, April 11, 8 p.m. A program of works by Grieg, Ahtenberg, Lidholm and Bartok. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. \$38.

University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or www.calperforms.berkeley.edu

CHAMBER MUSIC SUNDAYS — Navarro Trio, April 13, 3:15 p.m. They will be performing works by Handel-Halvorsen, Beethoven and Brahms \$18 general; \$14 students/seniors. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 415-584-5946.

GOLD COAST CHAMBER PLAYERS — "Joys and Passions," April 10 and April 12. A program of works by Mozart, Brahms and Wallach. Guest artist: composer Joelle Wallach. Thursday, 8 p.m.; Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St., Lafayette. 925-283-1557

Saturday, 8 p.m.: Garratt Mansion, 900 Union St., Alameda. 925-283-3728. \$25 general; \$22 senior; \$10 student. 925-283-3728 or www.gcoplayers.org

ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA — "Tribute to Giuseppe Chiani," April 14, 7:30 p.m. Directed by Annamaria Lelli.

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fects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum (voice and movements by Andy Serkis), are nifty, with the unfortunate exception of the Ents, who look a bit too much like Gumby. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images.) 2 hours, 59 minutes. **A-**

"OLD SCHOOL": Rude, crude and God help me, pretty funny. Whipped yuppie husbands everywhere throw off the shackles of weekend trips to Home Depot and enjoy the foolmory of this raucous tale of grown men chafing against the responsibilities of adulthood and marriage. It peters out, as so many comedies do, but not before delivering some inspired bits, including the glorious sight of Vince Vaughn strapped into a Baby Bjorn. With Luke Wilson and the hilarious Will Ferrell. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B**

"THE PIANIST": This restrained yet emotionally ruinous film set in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation marks a triumphant return for director Roman Polanski. Thanks to his eclectic, Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) is spared from the concentration camps, spending the next two years relying on the kindness of strangers, at times quite literally a prisoner, isolated and locked into abandoned apartments, visited only occasionally by Resistance members. His very endurance is heroic. Having given us spine-tingling nightmares of the imagination in the past ("Rosemary's Baby" "Repulsion"), this time Polanski lets reality give this movie its quiet, straight-forward power. Be prepared to cry, but know too that the movie is worth the anguish it generates. — M. Pols. (R: violence and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 28 minutes. **A**

"PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE": This story of A.A. Milne's familiar "Winnie-the-Pooh" characters brought to life through animation is so quaint, it's downright comforting. It's the second original Pooh feature created for the screen, and it reunites many longtime players from the franchise's animated shorts and videos. Piglet wanders desperately to be a part of his buddies' activities in the Hundred Acre Wood. But when Pooh, Tigger, Rabbit and Eeyore connect an elaborate scheme for harvesting honey, they leave Piglet out, thinking he's too small to help. — C.

Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 15 minutes. **B**

"THE QUIET AMERICAN": Michael Caine gives the richest performance of his career in this sage and provocative film adaptation of Graham Greene's scarcely prescient 1955 novel. He plays Thomas Fowler, a lazy, dissipated London Times journalist stationed in Saigon during the French-Indochina war. He loves Vietnam and his young girlfriend, Phuong (Do Thi Hai Yen). Then along comes the quiet American, Alden Pyle (Brendan Fraser), who wants to put everything to rights in Vietnam and then go home with Fowler's girl. What unfolds makes you wonder if Greene unlocked the secrets to time travel in the 1950s. This movie has been released in limited theaters, supposedly because it's feared audiences will find it anti-American and stay away. Pshaw. Let's hope we as a nation are not really so paranoid about revisiting our past mistakes. — M. Pols. (R: violent images and some language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **A-**

"RABBIT-PROOF FENCE": Compelling true tale marks director Phillip Noyce's return to his Australian homeland after 15 years in Hollywood. Beautiful, taut drama examines both the strengths and weaknesses of humankind through the story of young Aboriginal girls taken from their homes to become servants. — S. Rea. (PG) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B+**

"SPIDER": If you're a fan of David Cronenberg's customary sick-and-twisted oeuvre ("eXistenZ," "Dead Ringers"), you might be disappointed by "Spider," which is surprisingly staid in comparison. It's psychologically intriguing and sad, but there's nothing to give you the shivers later. Ralph Fiennes plays a mental patient whose release to a halfway house in the London neighborhood where he grew up prompts him to recall traumatic events involving his mother (Miranda Richardson) and father (Gabriel Byrne) and his own burgeoning sexuality. Fiennes is a mannered pain in the arse, but Richardson is so brilliant, she makes the movie worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. **B-**

"SPUN": This movie covers three end-less days and nights in the lives and near-deaths of a handful of addicts. Mena Suvari, Brittany Murphy, Jason Schwartzman and Patrick Fugit play the kids, while Mickey Rourke and Pe-

ter Stormare play the grown-ups. If Rourke and Stormare weren't enough to clue you in to the film's strained wakefulness, Eric Roberts shows up in the third act sporting a limp and a wig and flanked by a pair of bodybuilders. The older actors let their freak flags fly more comfortably than do the youngsters, who, like the filmmakers, seem to have watched a number of movies about addiction, particularly "Trainspotting" and "Requiem for a Dream." — M. Dargis. (R: graphic drug use, nudity, sadistic sex, adult language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **D**

"TALK TO HER": Pedro Almodovar has created a tragic comedy about need; both its liberating and shackling powers. Benigno (Javier Camara) is a nurse who sits patiently at the side of his unconscious girlfriend, Alicia (Leonor Watling), attending to her needs. Marco (Dario Grandinetti) ministers to his own girlfriend, Lydia (Rosario Flores), who is also in a coma. It is revealed that Benigno is an obsessive with no real ties to Alicia; she has become his after falling into unconsciousness, and the depth of his devotion becomes both a love story and a horror story. By the end, Almodovar flips the script and demands not just sympathy but also empathy for someone you wouldn't think deserved it. It's a movie about being trapped in various kinds of prisons: spiritual, physical and finally literal. — E. Mitchell. (R) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **B**

"TEARS OF THE SUN": The Bush administration couldn't have ordered up a better piece of propaganda for American military might. This action movie doesn't have much upstairs, but is loaded with naive, crowd-pleasing jargon. The Nigerian government is overthrown by bloodthirsty rebels, and Bruce Willis and his trusty squadron of Navy SEALs are sent into the jungle to rescue a white doctor (Monica Bellucci). Problem is, she wants to bring all her patients, which requires a dangerous slog through the jungle, rebels in hot pursuit. Action fans might find the movie a little slow, since Willis is at his most somber, and director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") favors realism in the combat scenes. — M. Pols. (R: strong war violence, some brutality and language.) 2 hours. **C+**

"25TH HOUR": Tragedy inspires art as Spike Lee directs an absorbing, smart movie set in the landscape of a post-Sept. 11 New York City. Edward Nor-

ton plays Monty, a nice Irish-Catholic boy from the wrong side of the tracks who started dealing drugs to get ahead way back in high school and never stopped. But the law has caught up with him, and Monty is headed to jail for seven years. In his last day, he tries to settle some scores and catch up with old friends, a sharp stockbroker (Barry Pepper) and sad-sack schoolteacher (Philip Seymour Hoffman, brilliant as usual). Norton sometimes sounds as if he's giving a monologue when he's actually opposite other actors, but otherwise, the acting is top-notch through this drama. Lee's best movie in years. — M. Pols. (R: strong language, some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. **B+**

"VIEW FROM THE TOP": Aimed at a very select demographic — those with at least one Barbie doll in their possession. Anyone else will be miserable at this woefully outdated girly fantasy featuring Gwyneth Paltrow as a girl from a trailer park who dreams of becoming an international flight attendant. Mike Myers has never been less funny, Mark Ruffalo, who plays Paltrow's love interest, is too good for this creak, and the script is so confused about its inten-

tions that as you're watching a catfight between Paltrow's character and another flight attendant, played by Christina Applegate, you're baffled. Is this drama? It's definitely not funny. And why do we care? — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual references.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **D-**

"WILLARD": You know you're in for something more than straightforward scares from a horror movie starring Crispin Glover, the actor who has turned quavering eccentricity into performance art. The new movie tells the same story as the original — Willard's father is dead, his mother is all but bedridden and his boss bullies and berates him. Once Willard ventures into the basement, he discovers the answer to his repressed rage. First he befriends a cute white rat, then a big fat rat he names Ben, and then a few thousand of their pals. With no logic or explanation, Willard is able to communicate with and command the rats, and soon graduates from petty acts of vandalism to vengeance-is-mine acts of terror. — T. Maurstad. (PG: terror/violence, some sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **C**

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Arrow) — and the other a self-taught Indian Brahmin — Srinivasa Ramanujan (Rahul Gupta) — meet in London in 1913 with the goal of creating history.

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With unrelenting passion, "Partitions" depicts the conflicts

that occur when East meets West, as well as the unforeseen consequences of mixing those two worlds. The play is directed by Aurora artistic director Barbara Oliver.

An interesting insight to the play can be obtained at a free public discussion at 4 p.m. April 25 at UC Berkeley's Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center, on campus.

The Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and the Aurora Theatre will conduct

a panel discussion about the relationship of Hardy and Ramanujan. Panelists include mathematical historian Jeremy Gray, director Oliver, and David Hoffman, MSRI associate director.

Send theater items of interest to
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Events

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This performance is by students of Mills College.

Free. Concert Hall, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, 415-788-7142; ext. 18 or www.sfmio.org.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Pt. Rajeev Tarantash, April 19, 8 p.m. Pt. Rajeev Tarantash on sarod and Abhimay Kaushal on tabla.

\$22 general; \$18 seniors and students. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, 925-798-1300 or www.juliamorgan.org.

SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MUSIC SOCIETY — "El Siglo de Oro," April 12, 8 p.m. Hopkinson Smith on lute and vihuela de mano. He will be performing Renaissance-period music for England and Spain.

\$22 general; \$19 seniors. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-1725 or www.sfm.org.

UC BERKELEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT — "Cal Day: University Open House," April 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An all-day music event with the University Symphony performing works by Brahms, Academic Festival Overture and Saint-Saens. Free.

University Chorus, April 12, 8 p.m. Conducted by Marika Kuzma, performing works by Brahms. \$2 to \$8.

African Music and Dance Ensemble, April 19, 8 p.m. Directed by C.K. Ladzekpo, featuring traditional dance and drumming of West and Central Africa. \$2 to \$8.

NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES — Free admission.

Baritone Axel Van Chee and mezzo-soprano Anne Marie Darrow, April 11. Van Chee performs songs by Grieg, and Darrow performs a piece by Manuel de Falla.

Violinist Shaw Peng Liu, cellist Jody Redhage, pianist Monica Chew, April 16. A performance of works by Debussy and Ravel.

Flautist Cathy Olsen, pianist Brian Christian, April 18. A performance of works by Dutilleul, Ibert and Messiaen.

Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, UC Berkeley.

DANCE

ASHKENAZ — Motor Dude Zydeco, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson with Cheryl McBride at 8 p.m., followed by a concert of high energy Cajun and zydeco music. \$9.

Djaily Kunda Kouyate, April 18, 9:30 p.m. A Senegalese dance and music ensemble that is led by twin brothers, Assane and Ousseynou Kouyate. Their performances are a blend of West African folk music and contemporary rhythms played on indigenous instruments. www.musicoctoberaleatellie.com. \$13.

Wake the Dead, April 20, 8:30 p.m. An evening of dance and music involving a mixture of traditional Celtic jigs and reels with Grateful Dead songs, played on Irish harp and uilleann pipes. \$14.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5555 or www.ashkenaz.com.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Dance Class & Ceilí," Mondays, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance.

"The Starry Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Sliding scale.

For age 21 and over. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

OUTDOORS

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides," Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: In front of the North Berkeley BART Station. 510-849-9650.

"Lake Chabot Bike Rides," Thursdays, 6:15 a.m. These rides are for strong

beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non-hammerhead pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. 510-468-3582. "Mountain Bike Basics." Every second Saturday of the month. The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay teaches mountain bike classes monthly. Learn to ride prepared, responsibly, and skillfully. The ride will include a slice of the Ridge Trail. A short 10-mile group ride usually follows the class. Helmets required and participants must have bicycles in good working condition. Bring water and energy bars. Rain may cancel. Reservations required. At Bort Meadow, Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Redwood Road, Oakland. 925-258-9118.

Free. 415-561-2595 or www.ridgetrail.org.

BROOKS ISLAND — "Brooks Island Adventure," April 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For age 14 and up. Registration required.

\$85 to \$95. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond. 510-636-1684 or www.ebparks.org.

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — "Wild Pond, City Pond," April 12, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An in-depth look at the pond at the park to learn about its ecosystem and food chains.

"Hairy Beasts: Land Mammals," April 13, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about mammals' food, how they defend themselves and how people and mammals affect each other's lives. For children ages 6 and above. Registration required. \$3.

"Nature Writers," April 13, 11 a.m. to noon. Explore the cove while making observations of nature. Bring blank notebook and learn about the shoreline animals.

"Sea Squirts," April 15, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The theme is "Wonderful Water." For children age 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. The program offers outdoor exploration and a theme related craft plus a snack. Younger siblings may join in. Reservations required. \$5 to \$7. 510-521-6887.

"April's For the Birds," April 17, 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. Begin the day with a learning experience - join Crab Cove to learn about shorebirds before they leave for the Arctic.

"Meet the Shorebirds," April 19, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the visiting and local shorebirds and why their beaks and feet help them survive, and talk about their travels and the dangers they might run into.

"Pond Exploration," April 19, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. In the spring, ponds are the perfect place to spot nesting birds, turtles, bullfrogs and more.

"Super Solutions For Earth Day," April 19, 11 a.m. to noon. Join the fun and learn about Earth-friendly solutions to celebrate Earth Day. For ages 5 to 8. "Easter Egg Hunt-Estuary Eggs-ploration," April 20, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Take an easy walk and hunt for snail, worm, fish and Easter eggs.

"If the Easter Bunny was a Bat," April 20, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Test your bat IQ while learning if the bat is related to the bunny. For ages 5 and above. Free unless otherwise noted. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887 or www.ebparks.org.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — 6 through Sept. 21. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

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and Estuary past the Port of Oakland container cargo facilities, across the bay to San Francisco by the historic vessels moored in the Golden Gate International Exposition. Clearly visible are the surviving Art Deco buildings of the Pan American Clipper seaplanes and the Navy. Prior to departure, a 15-minute video about the history of the center is shown at the Potomac Visitor Center. Adventure reservations recommended.

Domestic: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay St., Oakland. April 12 and April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Experienced packers will guide this four-to-five day hike and the llamas will provide picnic lunches and personal gear. You will have the opportunity to lead a llama for part of the trip. Cancellations will not be accepted two weeks before the trip. This is for children 8 years and older. Registration is required. \$29. \$49 for parking, 7861 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-636-1884 or www.uspotomac.org

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Nick Nolte steals scene after scene in 'Thief'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Director Neil Jordan's supremely self-confident heist movie "The Good Thief" looks and feels like a Tom Waits song. It's seedy, stylish, smoky and features a middle-aged man who mumbles, whispers and ultimately seduces us with the sort of naughty charisma we can't really explain. We just know we like it.

The middle-aged man is Nick Nolte, looking ratty yet still regal as Bob Montagnet, the French Riviera's most lovable thief, gambler and heroin addict. If Bob were a lion, he'd be weeks away from being trounced by one of his offspring and dethroned as leader of the pride. But in the meantime, he's still got it, and he's surrounded by admirers, including the young thief Paulo (Said Taghmaoui) and another old smoothie named Raoul (Gerard Darmon).

The movie is inspired by Jean-Pierre Melville's classic "Bob Le Flambeur" (1958), although Jordan has made substantial revisions throughout, including turning Bob into a character Nolte could play. Bob is half-American, half-French, or so he claims (he's prone to white lies here, there and everywhere). He hangs out in the Nice underworld, where the drug dealers tend to be Algerian, the prostitutes Eastern European and the club owners dangerous.

In the movie's opening scenes, Bob retreats to a bathroom in

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Good Thief"

■ **STARRING:** Nick Nolte, Gerard Darmon, Said Taghmaoui

■ **RATING:** R (language, sexuality, drug content, some violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 49 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** A-

Remi's (Marc Lavoine) club to shoot up, and while he's nodding off in a heroin haze, encounters a young Bosnian girl Remi plans to turn into a prostitute. Anne (Nutsa Kukhianidze, who captivates in what is only her second film role) is only 17, but she's got the sultry voice of a 35-year-old bombshell and the attitude to match. Bob takes note of her in a way that telegraphs his basic decency to us; his first instinct is to be paternal with her, despite her obvious sexuality.

On his way out of the bathroom, he shows us more decency by saving the life of a French cop named Roger (Tcheke Karyo). Roger and Bob go back a long way, and they've grown accustomed, even fond of, each other's faces, as it were.

When it becomes evident to Roger that Bob is planning a big heist, one of those one-last-score scenarios we're so familiar with, he actually frets. He admires the elegance of Bob's criminal methods and is even excited by the

challenge he poses. But he doesn't want to be the one to lock Bob up. Maybe his tenderness stretches the bounds of plausibility, but the Roger-Bob relationship is one of "The Good Thief's" sources of strength, largely because the frustrated cop never becomes the object of ridicule as is typical of movies in which the criminal is the protagonist.

The caper itself, which involves two heists — one a red herring to distract Roger, the other the theft of a roomful of Picasso, Gauguin and Van Gogh's — is secondary to the characters and how we feel about them, always a good sign. Jordan ("The Crying Game," "Mona Lisa," "The End of the Affair") wrote the screenplay himself, and he's littered it with clever dialogue and frisky asides ("Remember the '80s, Bob?" Raoul says. "No," Bob growls back). You have to listen hard, since Nolte does a lot of mumbling and nearly every one has a different type of accent to decipher, but it's worth it.

Nolte dominates with a performance that is nearly as good as his startling work in "Affliction." The movie solves Bob's problems, particularly his drug addiction, perhaps too neatly. But Nolte has made Bob such a charmer, we don't care. We want him to succeed the same way we want Robert Downey Jr. to overcome his problems.

But the movie is filled with other treats as well, some so small you barely notice them —

like Roger's assistant, who inexplicably practices magic tricks in the office — and there's not a casting mistake anywhere. In a cameo as a shady art dealer who looks perennially hung over, Ralph Fiennes is blissfully light on his feet. So is Serbian director Emir Kusturica ("The Widow of Saint-Pierre"), who plays Vladimir, the helpful security expert who assists in the caper. The Polish twins, Mark and Mike (who wrote and starred in "Twin Falls Idaho"), show up late in the game and lend the movie just the right quirky comic air.

Jordan has a lot of fun stylistically with "The Good Thief." The camera jogs around and sometimes hovers so close to the characters, you feel like you're in their breast pocket. He's playful in his edits, employing a freeze-frame technique to punctuate many of the scenes. It's a good counter-punch to the movie's flow-like-whiskey sensuality; without it, the movie might have turned into a puddle of lazy cool.

A final nod of appreciation has to go to composer Elliot Gendel ("Frida"), who has woven original music into a moody soundtrack that includes Leonard Cohen and Serge Gainsbourg. No actual Waits, as it happens, but something of his rascally, melancholy spirit nonetheless.

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Events

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"Invention Timeline." Humans have been inventing for thousands of years. Find your place in time among scientific inventions.

"Magic School Bus" Video Festival, April 19, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Spend the day with seven different "Magic School Bus" videos.

\$8 general; \$6 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 5 to 18; \$4 children age 3 to 4; free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu.

CODY'S BOOKSTORES — TELEGRAPH AVENUE — Kinky Friedman, April 11. The author will talk about his book, "Kill Two Birds and Get

Stoned." Oscar Casares, April 14. The author will talk about his book, "Brownsville." Atul Gawande, April 15. The author will discuss his book, "Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science."

Tamim Ansary, April 16. The author will talk about his book, "West of Kabul, East of New York: An Afghan American Story."

A.J. Albany, April 18. The author will discuss her book, "Low Down: Junk, Jazz and Other Fairy Tales From Childhood." She will be introduced by music critic, Greil Marcus.

POETRY AT CODY'S — 7:30 p.m. Poetry and Fiction with Terese Svoboda and Maxine Chernoff, April 13.

Albert Flynn DeSilver and Katy Laderer, April 20. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave.,

Berkeley. 510-845-7852. **OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** — MAIN BRANCH — 125 14th St. 510-238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY AT OAKLAND — EXHIBITS — "Selections From the African American Museum and Library at Oakland Collection," through May 12. An exhibit of documents and artifacts relating to politics, labor, education, entrepreneurs, pioneers and founders.

Learn about the history behind the collection and the plans for its future. "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

659 Fourteenth St. 510-637-0200. **MONTCLAIR BRANCH** — "Preschool Story-time," Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

"Toddler Story-time," Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

1687 Mountain Blvd. 510-482-7810. **WEST OAKLAND BRANCH** — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

1801 Adeline St. 510-597-5049. Free. Oakland. 510-238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Haiku Writing Contest and Programs, through June 6. Entries to the Haiku Contest must be original haiku written in this traditional form and submitted to the Library by March 15. Prizes will be awarded at the April 4 reading of the entries. Programs to celebrate poetry and haiku will be held at various branches throughout the spring.

NORTH BRANCH — "Annual Quilt Show," through May 14. Over 50 quilts made by local community members are on display.

Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1170 The Alameda, Berkeley. Free. 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. 510-981-6195.

"RUN FOR LIFE" RUN/WALK — April 12, 8 a.m. A fundraising opportunity for youth to raise money for their schools and extracurricular organizations. The Run For Life can be done as a 3K, 5K or 10K run or walk. The event course runs through the UC Berkeley campus. To obtain a registration form, go to the web site below \$20 to \$25. UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Ave. (866)785-4543 or www.runforlife.net.

MARCUS BOOK STORE — Gary Hardwick, April 12. The author will discuss his new book, "SexLife." Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland. 510-652-2344.

PARDEE HOME MUSEUM AUTHORS SERIES — Larry M. Levy, April 12, 10 a.m. The author will discuss his book, "Indian Summer of Love." Free. The Pardee Home, 672 11th St.,

Oakland. 510-444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org.

MUSEUMS

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"The West Oakland Senior Citizen Oral History Project," ongoing. This visual and oral exhibit captures the history of some of West Oakland's senior treasures. Featured are 51 black-and-white photographs and recorded conversations, including ones by Dr. Marcella Ford, Ruth Beckford, Anthony Martinez, and Alonzo Fields.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "State of Emergency: Disaster Response in California," through April 27. An exhibition offering a historical overview of disasters beginning with the 1906 San Francisco. The exhibit includes Maggie Hallahan's photogra-

phy, recovered objects, maps, emergency response equipment. "The Art of Seeing: Nature through Illustration," through April 27. A juried exhibition with works by 48 artists depicting plants, animal species and a mural group of 21 art students.

"Quizzical Eye: The Personal Myth of Ronald Partridge," through April 22. An exhibition of 100 photographs including photo cubes, collages, mixed media works and a station of his darkroom.

LECTURE — "Bee Pollination in the Garden," April 17, 12:30 p.m. Biologist Eric Mullen discusses the importance of pollination and the cycles of common pollinators. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under. All on the second Sunday of each month. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-845-5132 or www.museumofart.org.

PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — Pardee Mansion, a three-story, Italianate villa built in 1868, was three generations of the Pardees, who were instrumental in the cultural development of California. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower, barn. Reservations recommended. **SPECIAL EVENT** — Larry M. Levy, April 12, 10 a.m. The author will discuss his book, "Indian Summer of Love." \$5 general; free children under 12. House Tours: Wednesday through Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. 672 11th St., Oakland. 510-2187 or www.pardeehome.org.

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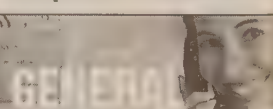
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THE 2004 MODEL of Mercedes-Benz CLK Cabriolet offers two engines and plenty of amenities to make it a fun and safe car to drive. It's also a convertible that seats four comfortably.

Mercedes-Benz CLK Cabriolet for 2004 better than ever

MOTOR MATTERS
Back in 1998, when Mercedes-Benz rolled out its CLK Cabriolet, it seemed impossible to improve upon it.

Wrong! The all-new 2004 model is remarkably better.

This car will be introduced at the New York Auto Show next week and become available at dealerships in September. I had an opportunity to drive the CLK320 and CLK500 on the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean.

This location, with its winding mountainous roads and warm cli-

mate, was ideal for enjoying this four-seat Cabrio with the top either up or down.

Both models are exceptionally quiet with the new multi-layer top material that not only insulates but buffers the noise. The new material also is exceptionally easy to use in raising or lowering the top at the press of a button.

With the top down, an air-buffering screen diminishes annoying air rush noise, thus conversation can be held at a normal speaking level.

The new models now have more interior comfort for all four passen-

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

gers. The seats, both front and back, are very comfortable, and even the luggage compartment is slightly larger.

The trunk won't hold four golf bags, but with the top up, it could accommodate two small golf bags plus luggage.

For those who enjoy winter sports, I'm told a ski bag is an op-

tion.

The CLK320 has a 3.2-liter V6 engine that produces 215 horsepower and rides on 16-inch, seven-spoke wheels that give it an eye-catching appearance.

What's even more attractive is the CLK500 model with a 5.0-liter V8 engine that produces 302 horsepower.

This model also accommodates the AMG sport package to fulfill the desires of just about any buyer — with money to spend.

These cars will range between \$50,000 to \$76,000. Knowing there

are such buyers who will spend top dollar to get the best, Mercedes-Benz expects to sell 10,000 units a year.

Mercedes-Benz has always been a leader in the area of safety and the new CLK Cabriolets have improved sensor-controlled rollover bars, which deploy automatically within a fraction of a second in an accident situation — so I'm told.

I also learned the new aerodynamics have lowered the coefficient of drag to a very low 0.30.

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1955 Cadillac Series 62 now making the tour

MOTOR MATTERS

As far as Franklin Gage is aware, no one in his family, nor any acquaintance, has ever owned a 1955 Cadillac.

Consequently, he surprised even himself in early 2002 when an ad for a 1955 Cadillac Series 62 four-door sedan in Wyckoff, N.J., caught his eye.

The ad explained that the owner wanted to sell the car so he could spend more time with his family. Gage surmised that the owner's wife was tired of the car and had given him an ultimatum.

Gage telephoned the owner and found that the low-mileage Cadillac was in original condition, with the exception of the paint. The buyer and seller could not agree on a price and parted amicably.

Three months had transpired when Gage was surprised to receive a call from the seller inquiring if he was still interested in the luxury car. Yes, he was.

As luck would have it, later in that same month of May, the Antique Automobile Club of America had scheduled the Eastern Division Tour to begin in Vineland, N.J., 150 or so miles south of the New York City suburb where the Cadillac was located.

Gage arranged to get to the Cadillac where the transaction was to take place. The odometer at the time had recorded just 71,191 miles.

The Cadillac was everything that the owner had claimed. When the dark blue Cadillac left the factory it was light blue.

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

"I'm glad somebody professionally painted it dark blue," Gage said. The darker color seems more in keeping with such a formal automobile.

With only a cursory inspection of the Cadillac and the assurance of the owner, Gage climbed behind the two-spoke steering wheel and drove off to join the antique car tour. Six days and 1,000 miles later, Gage drove his car home to Greenbelt, Md.

He had set off on the adventure with the idea that if the car broke down, he would have it towed and would rent a car.

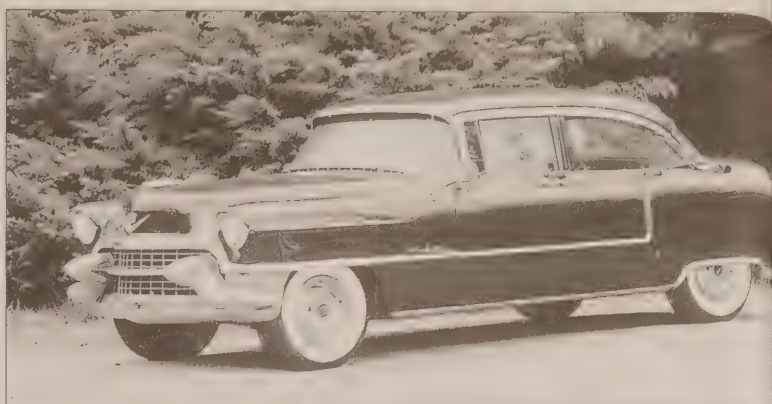
But the mechanical health of the Cadillac proved to be better than Gage anticipated.

He discovered that his car was the most popular model that Cadillac produced in 1955. About 45,000 of the six-passenger sedans were built.

His car is equipped with extra-cost accessories including: Air conditioning, \$620, radio and antenna for \$132, heater and vent system for \$129, power windows for \$108, four-way power seat for \$70, and power brakes for \$48.

The cost of all these accessories was tacked onto the \$3,977 base price of the car.

To assist the air conditioner with climate control, the windows in the car are tinted



THIS CADILLAC was most popular model in 1955. Owner purchased it in original condition except for darker blue just 71,191 miles.

E-Z-Eye glass. The air conditioner is in the trunk.

Air captured by the two scoops on the hindquarters of the car is fed to the air conditioner, after which it is pumped into the passenger compartment through a pair of tubes from the package shelf to the headliner.

The tubes are transparent to avoid hindering the driver's view to the rear.

Although the four side windows are electrically operated, the front wing vents are still operated with a hand crank. The rear vent windows are merely pushed open and pulled shut.

A courtesy light under the lip of the padded dashboard illuminates the elegantly

upholstered front seat when either front door is opened. Opening either back door activates the dome light.

The big 331-cubic-inch overhead-valve V8 engine generates 250 horsepower while delivering remarkable efficiency — more than 20 miles per gallon — outstanding for a 4,375-pound car.

A set of 8.00x15-inch white sidewall tires mounted on a 129-inch wheelbase supports the 18-foot-long Cadillac. Hydramatic transmissions became standard equipment on Cadillacs in 1955.

A dual-exhaust system also was standard, probably because the design of the rear bumper called for twin pipes.

The Florentine curve of the rear roof line

is especially attractive with the still-subtle tail fins. Following custom, the gasoline cap is hidden on the left tail light.

Because the windows are electrically operated, says he was surprised to learn that the wipers are vacuum-powered.

Gage has owned the Cadillac more than a year, however, the first week has encouraged him in many more touring events.

"I like to drive my car," he says.

If you have a vehicle of interest, contact Vern Parker, Classic Classics, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, N.C. 28403, 910-398-1908-4109 detailing its merits.

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

Getting into the rear seats is very easy when the backrest of the front seat moves forward.

The rear seats offer plenty of room plus automatic seat belts and height-adjustable head rest that can be lowered by a button on the dashboard.

I lost count of the number of automatic controls in the CLK, but when a car has a rain sensor for the windshield wipers and can automatically adjust the climate for both front and rear passengers you know it has all the amenities anyone could desire in an automobile.

Road

FROM PAGE D1

"The XC90's hood was raised and the latch jammed," said Lund. When it was backed into a pole, the result was \$2,238 in damage.

"There's basically no reinforcement in the XC90's rear bumper system. In fact, it does virtually nothing to keep damage away from the vehicle body," Lund said.

"Not only did the tailgate require replacement, but the rear body panel and floor pan were crushed and the whole bumper system had to be replaced."

The Volvo was not the only vehicle that performed poorly when backed into a pole. The Acura RL racked up \$2,188 in damage and the Cadillac CTS required \$2,049 in repairs.

In rear-impact test, the Element racked up only \$594 in damage. In the same test, a competitor in the SUV category, the Mitsubishi Outlander, cost \$1,217 to repair.

Because the Q45's headlights are particularly expensive, it sustained \$2,661 in damage when the vehicle hit a front barrier at an angle.

Automakers generally object to the tests, saying they are too severe and do not reflect real-world mishaps.

The institute says the tests are valid and vehicles that do poorly are likely to cost consumers more in insurance.

The institute's test is far more demanding than the federal government requires, which is that cars must handle a 2.5-mph impact without any damage to safety-related parts, such as headlights or body panels.

The bumper itself, however, can be destroyed. There is no standard for SUVs or pickup trucks.

Before 1983, there was a 5-mph standard for cars that allowed only minor damage to the bumper, no damage to the sheet metal and no damage to headlights or turn signals.

But during a gas shortage, the government changed it to 2.5 mph because of complaints that the big bumpers hurt fuel economy.

The insurance institute has argued that fuel economy has not improved and has urged the federal government to bring back the 5-mph standard. However, the weaker standard has remained.

This is how each vehicle fared:

Acura RL: Front flat barrier: \$461; rear flat barrier: \$149 front angle: \$1,613; rear pole: \$2,188; average: \$1,103.

Lincoln Town Car: Front flat barrier: \$559; rear flat barrier: \$1,099; front angle: \$1,771; rear pole: \$1,160; average: \$1,147.

Cadillac CTS: Front flat barrier: \$531; rear flat barrier: \$648; front angle: \$1,460; rear pole: \$2,049; average: \$1,172.

Infiniti Q45: Front flat barrier: \$657; rear flat barrier: \$1,252; front angle: \$2,661; rear pole: \$1,208; average: \$1,445.

Volvo XC90: Front flat barrier: \$774; rear flat barrier: \$888; front angle: \$722; rear pole: \$2,238; average: \$1,156.

Honda Element: Front flat barrier: \$512; rear flat barrier: \$346; front angle: \$697; rear pole: \$594; average: \$537.

Mitsubishi Outlander: Front flat barrier: \$959; rear flat barrier: \$984; front angle: \$1,042; rear pole: \$1,217; average: \$1,051.

The CLK includes distronics, which is a cruise control system that uses an intelligence system to allow for safe driving distance.

It also features keyless access, a voice-activated telephone, radio and navigational system and powerful bi-xenon headlights.

I was not at all disappointed with the

smaller engine. Climbing winding mountain roads that seemed to go straight up, the CLK had plenty of power.

But for those who really enjoy performance, the 5.0-liter V8 engine is much more exciting.

Incidentally, the CLK500 is the only Cabriolet that offers a V8 engine.

Climbing the mountain, my arms got a good workout due to the constant need to turn the zig-zagging uphill roads.

The steering is one of the best of any car I've driven.

2004 MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CABRIOLET

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Engine Type3.2-liter V6 & 5-liter V8 w/3-valves per cylinder
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Ford built 15 million Model Ts through 1927.

Model A

Ford replaced the Model T with the Model A. It represented major improvements over the Model T, which had become antiquated next to the Chevrolets and Dodges with which it competed.

The Model A was built at Ford's then-new Rouge complex, the world's largest car assembly plant for a long time, which is now being renovated to produce the 2004 F-150 pickup truck.

"The Rouge" not only assembled the vehicle but also produced the parts and materials, such as the steel and

glass, for the car.

The Model A helped Ford recapture sales leadership over Chevrolet, though its success was short-lived due to the Depression.

Fiathead V8

After the Depression in 1932, Ford introduced a pioneering V8 engine in the 1932 Fiathead V8.

Henry Ford wanted a V8 engine that was lighter and less expensive to build than other V8s on the market.

The single-cast V8 engine block marked a major engineering milestone in automotive history because it allowed for relatively inexpensive mass production of V8 engines.

F-Series

Ford's F-Series pickup trucks, introduced in 1948, were a completely new postwar design and concept. They were offered in a number of variations, with different capacities and engines.

Its descendant, the current F-Series, has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 21

years and the best-selling truck for the past 26 years.

In the spirit of the 1948 model, the redesigned 2004 version will offer buyers a smorgasbord of choices of bed size, seats, interiors, doors, engines and options.

1949 Ford

The 1949 Ford was the automaker's first truly post-World War II car design.

It featured smooth, modern lines, a slab-sided body mounted on a new chassis; and aircraft motifs.

It also featured a number of mechanical improvements, including Ford's first use of an independent front suspension.

Thunderbird

The 1955 Ford Thunderbird was a response to the 1953 Chevrolet Corvette.

Marketed as a personal car instead of a pure sports car, the Thunderbird initially outsold the Corvette by a wide margin.

The Thunderbird name existed through 1997 but the car took on many forms, and

strayed far from its origins.

In 2001, Ford re-introduced a Thunderbird more in keeping with the classic version.

Mustang

The 1964 Ford Mustang was the original of its genre. Its model name provided the basis for the species' generic label of pony cars.

With the end of the muscle car era and the beginning of fuel crisis, the Mustang strayed from its roots, giving way to the subcompact Mustang II in the 1970s.

But it later returned to its original form.

Ford will introduce a new Mustang in 2004, that will feature cues from Mustangs of the past.

Taurus

If there were ever a car that saved a company, it was the Taurus.

Ford was on the brink of extinction in the early 1980s and needed a home run.

It bet the bank — \$3.5 billion — on an innovatively styled,

relatively fuel-efficient mid-size family sedan.

Ford also revolutionized the way it developed and consumer-tested cars with the Taurus and its sibling, the Mercury Sable.

The Taurus was a hit, becoming the best-selling vehicle in America rather quickly, and it remains among the top 10 best-sellers.

Its design was mimicked by other manufacturers.

In 1986, the Taurus helped Ford beat General Motors in profits for the first time since 1924 and caused Ford's stock price to skyrocket.

Explorer

Ford reinvented the sport utility vehicle, which had been around since the 1930s, with the more civilized Explorer in 1991.

The Explorer, along with the Jeep Grand Cherokee, established the modern-day SUV, which became the station wagon of the 1990s.

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an older vehicle, when ever wishes to roll down a window, the win- motor's current must pass through the control switch in the door, the instrument panel, connectors, and finally the window motor. Multiplexing, the driver's control switch posts an ul- current digital message to the bus (network), and the bus closer to the motor delivers the actual current. In another case, the engine's position is of interest to control modules. After than having multiple modules, the PCM (powertrain module) processes a sin- sensor's information and it to the data bus for multiplexing reduces manu- ing costs, saves weight, improves reliability.

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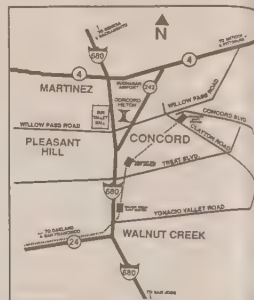


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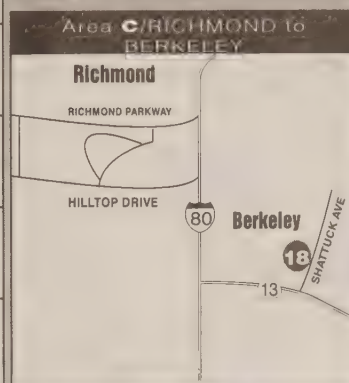
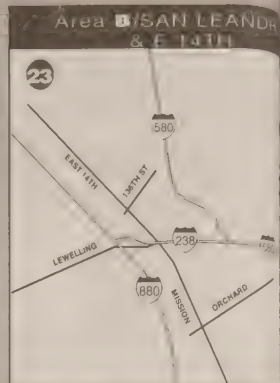
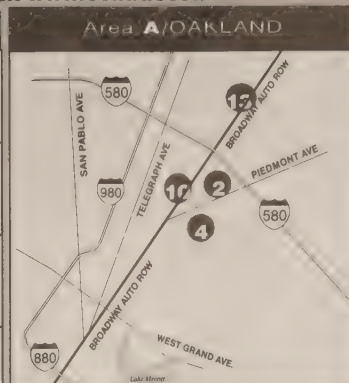
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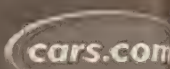
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To cook Asian food, all you need to know is how to cut, measure, mix and toss. The following two recipes Singapore Firecracker with Shrimp and Yan Fried Rice use stir-fry and blanching cooking techniques. Don't get nervous, they are very easy! To cook Asian food, all ingredients should be

fresh, cut and measured before cooking begins.

Singapore Firecracker is a tangy and spicy dish using fresh Asian herbs and lemongrass served in a delightful aromatic sauce. Stir-frying is one of the most exciting and energetic methods of Asian cooking. The food is kept in constant motion, by stirring or tossing to ensure even cooking. This fun, quick cooking method retains natural flavors, textures and nutrients, using very little oil. Meats and seafoods are usually removed before vegetables are added. Because stir-frying only takes a few minutes, vegetables come out crisp and colorful, meats come out lightly browned and juicy.

SINGAPORE FIRECRACKER WITH SHRIMP

- 1-½ pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 8 tablespoons Canola Oil for cooking
- 1 red bell pepper, julienned
- 1 yellow onion, julienned
- 1 tablespoon garlic/ginger minced, mixed
- 2 tablespoons lemongrass, chopped
- 3 stalks green onion, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 cup ketchup
- ½ cup Thai Chili dipping sauce
- ½ cup water
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons green onion, chopped fine, for garnish
- 6 cups steamed rice
- 1. Heat 4 tablespoons canola oil in wok. Cook shrimp for 3 minutes until it becomes opaque; set aside and reserve.
- 2. Add 4 more tablespoons canola oil and add bell pepper and onions to caramelize—about two minutes; add ginger/garlic mixture and green onions.
- 3. Combine Thai chili dipping sauce, ketchup and water, simmering for 1 minute, and then add



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YAN FRIED RICE is a healthy, colorful blend of brown and white rice with carrots, green onions, broccoli, red bell peppers and mushrooms.

shrimp and sesame oil.

4. Toss to coat shrimp with sauce; transfer to serving platter and serve with steamed rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Yan Fried Rice "jumps" in the wok — a healthy, colorful blend of brown and white rice with carrots, green onions, broccoli, red bell peppers and mushrooms. The vegetables are blanched first, simply meaning pre-cooked in boiling water. To blanch, bring a wok

or large pot of water to a boil. Add the vegetables and cook for a few minutes. Remove the vegetables from the wok and quickly rinse with cool water to stop the cooking process. Generally vegetables are blanched only until crisp tender or until the color is bright. After the vegetables are blanched, use the stir-fry method.

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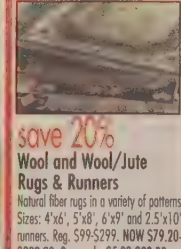
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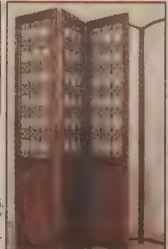
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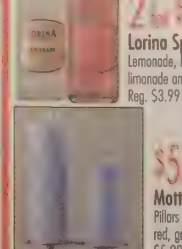
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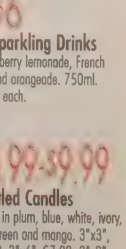
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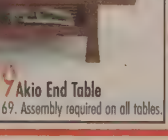
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Easy to make barbecued pork with cheese corn bread

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After a recent family party, I found I had a good portion of leftover barbecued shredded pork. I froze some of it and turned the rest into this quick supper the next day. I happened to have a box of corn bread mix in the cupboard, so I whipped up a batch with a few additions, then used it with the pork to make a festive sandwich.

Of course the traditional accompaniment to barbecued pork sandwiches is coleslaw. While the corn bread is baking, simply mix a bag of shredded cabbage with mayonnaise thinned with a little cider or wine vinegar and seasoned with plenty of black pepper.

Menu

Barbecued pork with cheese corn bread, coleslaw, mixed sliced fruit, iced tea or beer

Tip

Turn the oven on as soon as you get home from work. Buy shredded cheese in a bag. Jazz up sliced fruit with a sprinkle of fruit vinegar or balsamic vinegar.

Note: Beef barbecue can be used instead of pork, if you like.

BARBECUED PORK WITH CHEESE CORN BREAD

1 small package (8.5 ounces) corn bread mix
1/2 cup milk

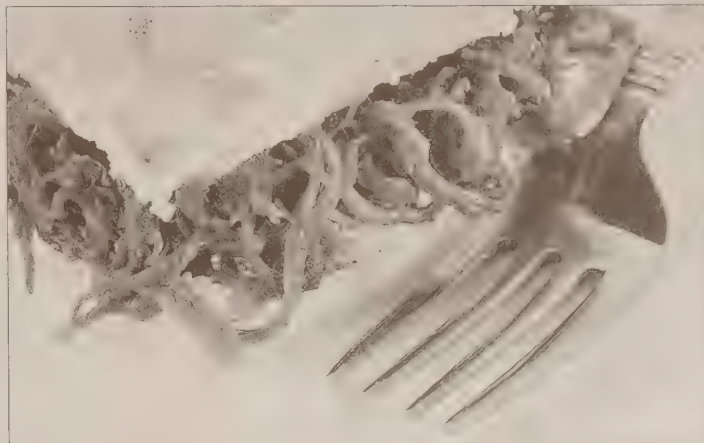
1 egg
1 cup each: fresh or frozen corn kernels, grated Cheddar cheese
3 green onions, minced
1 small jalapeno chili, seeded, minced
3 cups leftover pork barbecue or 1 container (18 ounces) refrigerated pork barbecue
1 tablespoon yellow mustard,

optional

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix corn bread mix, milk and egg in medium bowl. Stir in corn, cheese, onions and jalapeno. Pour into greased 8-inch-square baking dish. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, heat barbecued pork and mustard in covered

saucepan over low heat until hot throughout, about 10 minutes. Cut corn bread into squares. Halve the squares horizontally; place on serving plates. Spoon pork on top of one square on each plate; top with other square to make a sandwich.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, cooking time: 30 minutes, makes 6 servings.



LEFTOVER BARBECUED PORK and a spiced-up corn bread team for a satisfying and speedy main dish.

The "perfect" Easter

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If it is your turn this year to host family and friends for the Easter holiday, there are a few simple planning solutions to keep in mind before heading to the grocery store. By following these guidelines, meal planners can look forward to spending more time with guests and less time in the kitchen. A classic, delicious glazed ham should only take 10 minutes of hands-on preparation, therefore choosing the right ham is the first and most important step.

By choosing a spiral sliced bone-in ham, such as a Cook's brand ham, preparation is kept to a minimum. Additionally, spiral sliced hams are great for entertaining because they are already pre-sliced, allowing guests to serve themselves. For the best flavor, it is important to use a bone-in ham because the meat has not been artificially processed like a boneless ham. This will ensure that you and your guests enjoy the natural texture and flavor of a real ham.

"A Cook's Spiral Sliced Ham can be heated and glazed in no more than two hours, which in most cases is the time it will take to prepare all of your side dishes," said Jon Lewallen, director of marketing at ConAgra Foods, maker of Cook's Ham. "The benefit to preparing a Cook's Spiral Sliced Ham is that you do not need to

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TANGY DIJON GLAZE

1 Cook's brand Bone-In Spiral Sliced Ham
1/4 cup apricot jam
1/4 cup raspberry jam
1/2 cup Dijon mustard
Dash of whole black pepper
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup horseradish
1/4 cup dried chives
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper, to taste

Prepare and heat ham according to package directions. To prepare glaze, combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

Brush glaze over ham 30 minutes before serving. Heat ham for an additional 30 minutes. Carve and serve.

Prep time: 10 minutes; 2 to 2-1/2 hours cooking; preparation: easy.

Martin Yan: Celebrity chef and all-around nice guy

COOK PUBLIC RELATIONS
Martin Yan, host of more than 2,000 cooking shows, highly respected food and restaurant consultant, and certified Master Chef,

cent release, *Martin Yan's Asian Favorites* (Ten Speed Press 2002), and award-winning *Chinese Cooking for Dummies* (Hungry Minds). The celebrity chef now has

McCarthy Ranch Marketplace, Milpitas, 408-945-1733.

Born in Guangzhou, China, Yan always possessed a passion for cooking. However, his formal introduction to the culinary world started at age 13 when he began his first apprenticeship for a well-established Hong Kong restaurant. After earning his diploma from the Overseas Institute of Cookery, Hong Kong, Yan traveled to Canada and then on to the United States.

Before receiving his M.S. in Food Science from the University of California, Davis, Yan taught Chinese cooking for the University of California extension program.

He later began hosting the popular show "Yan Can Cook." He has been a frequent guest chef-instructor at professional chef programs, including the California Culinary Academy, Johnson & Wales University (he served on both schools' advisory committees), the Culinary Institute of America, the University of San Francisco, and Chinese chef training programs across North America.

Yan is the founder of the Yan Can International Cooking School in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Yan is the recipient of national and international recognition among his peers as a master chef. He is a 2001 inductee for the James Beard Foundation's D'Artagnan Cervena Who's Who of Food and Beverage, which honors food and beverage professionals for their significant and

lasting achievements in the food and beverage industry.

Previous acknowledgments include a 1998 Daytime Emmy Award, a 1996 James Beard Award for Best TV Food Journalism, and a 1994 James Beard Award for Best TV Cooking Show.

He has been honored with the prestigious Antonin Careme Award by the Chef's Association of the Pacific Coast and the Cuvieroisier Leadership Award by Cuvieroisier Along with Paul Prudhomme, Yan was named Culinary Diplomat for the American Culinary Federation.

He has captured the admiration and loyal following of millions of cooking fans of every milieu as he wins their attention and, more importantly, their hearts, by combining his cookery artistry and teaching skill with a most personal and unique ingredient: humor.

Yan's cooking shows, on television or in person, are as entertaining as they are educational.

He is dedicated to dispelling the mysteries of Chinese and Asian cooking and furthering the understanding and enjoyment of these excellent cuisines and cultures through spirited fun and entertainment.



Martin Yan: Cooking show host, highly respected food and restaurant consultant, and certified Master Chef.

enjoys distinction as both teacher and author. His many talents have found unique expression in 25 cookbooks, including his most re-

three Bay Area restaurant locations: El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, 510-527-5525; 35 Crescent Hill, Pleasant Hill, 925-827-4133, and

Rice

FROM PAGE 1

YAN FRIED RICE

4 ounces chicken breast, sliced
4 ounces beef, sliced
2 ounces shrimp, peeled and deveined
6 tablespoons ounces canola oil for cooking
2 eggs
1/2 cup broccoli florettes
1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced
1/4 cup carrots, julienned
1/4 cup red bell pepper, julienned
4 tablespoons green scallion, chopped
1/3 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon sesame oil
3 cups rice: 1/2 brown and 1/2 white

1. Blanch vegetables in boiling water for 1 minute and drain.

2. Use non stick pan.

3. Use high temperature.

4. Add egg and stir.

5. Add meat and stir.

6. Add rice into wok.

7. Stir fry for 2 minutes to develop flavor.

8. Add vegetables and eggs to pan.

9. Stir fry; toss ingredients to mix well.

10. Add soy sauce and sesame oil.

11. Mix ingredients together.

Makes 4 servings

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You Need to Know More About the Prevention of Accidents by Industries in Contra Costa County

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The CalARP Program requires Contra Costa Health Services as the Administering Agency to perform a completeness review/audit/inspection (Audit) of the regulated stationary sources. The Audit is performed at the stationary source to determine if they are in compliance with the CalARP Program regulations and are consistent with their RMP.

The RMPs for Calpine Los Medanos Energy Center, Hasa, Inc. and Martinez Water Treatment Plant are now complete. Preliminary Audit Findings for Calpine Los Medanos Energy Center, Mirant Contra Costa Power Plant, and Mirant Pittsburg Plant are also complete. A forty-five day public comment period for both the RMPs and the Preliminary Audit Findings April 9, 2003 and will end on May 27, 2003. The RMPs and Preliminary Audit Findings may be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez, CA (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. RMPs and Preliminary Audit Findings may also be reviewed at the libraries listed below.

Calpine Los Medanos Energy Center RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings.
Hasa, Inc. RMP
Martinez Water Treatment Plant RMP
Mirant Contra Costa Power Plant Preliminary Audit Findings.
Mirant Pittsburg Power Plant Preliminary Audit Findings.

Written comments, postmarked no later than May 27, 2003, should be sent via email to ARPTeam@hds.co.contra.ca.us at the following address:

Contra Costa Health Services
Hazardous Materials Programs, c/o Randy Sawyer
4333 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, CA 94553

Contra Costa Health Services will respond to all written comments.
Contra Costa Health Services will hold public meetings to discuss RMP's or Preliminary Audit Findings if there is sufficient public interest.
Contra Costa Health Services will incorporate all written comments in the Final Audit Findings as appropriate.

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Greek chili

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Cincinnati is home to an unusual chili with a rich Greek heritage. The chili is a multi-tiered specialty traditionally served on a bed of spaghetti and topped with melted Cheddar cheese, in a dish known as "three-way." But why stop there? With top-of-the-line kidney beans or chopped (or both), the dish can be a "four-way" or "five-way." We said that this Cincinnati chili has been around for more than 50 years, to when a family brought a special recipe from Greece. The following version keeps the chili element and expands the flavor. Chickpeas are combined with red kidney beans in the mixture, and optional garnishes include green onions, feta cheese and Greek olives.

GREEK CHILI
1 pound lean ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons dried oregano
1/2 cup dried cinnamon
1/2 cup dried mint leaves
1/2 cup unsweetened coconut
1/2 cup diced tomatoes, drained
1/2 cup chickpeas, or 1 1/2 cups cooked dry-packaged beans, rinsed, drained (see note)
1/2 cup cooked macaroni, drained
1/2 cup Greek olives, as desired
Note: Any canned or dry-packaged bean variety may be substituted for those listed here.
Makes 8 servings (about 1 cup each)



AP PHOTO/BEA.N
GREEK CHILI keeps the basic chili style but expands the Greek flavor. Chickpeas are combined with red kidney beans in the chili mixture, and the garnishes include green onions, feta cheese and Greek olives.

bowls; garnish with green onions, feta cheese and olives, as desired.
Note: Any canned or dry-packaged bean variety may be substituted for those listed here.
Makes 8 servings (about 1 cup each)

chili and 2/3 cup macaroni each).
Recipe for AP from the Bean Awareness Network.
More recipes are available at the B.E.A.N. Web site at <http://www.americanbean.org>.

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What you should look for in a gas grill

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Shopping for a full-size gas grill may seem easy enough: Lift some lids, compare styles, pick a color. But if you want to choose the best (and safest) grill for your money, dig a little deeper. Ask a few questions about the grill's basic features before you buy.

■ **How does a gas grill work?** It's really pretty simple. There are burners to create heat. Above them you'll find some type of system to disperse the heat from the burners (inverted v-shaped metal bars, ceramic briquettes, lava rock, etc.). Above these lie the cooking grates. Together, these elements make up the cooking system.

■ **How many burners do I need?** Better grills generally have two or more separate burners (not just control knobs). They provide the best heat control. Most lower-priced grills have only one burner which may result in hot and cold spots on the cooking grate. Look for multiple burners made of high-grade stainless steel, they will last longer.

■ **What about BTUs?** BTUs (British Thermal Units) measure how much volume of gas a grill can burn, not heat output, so more is not necessarily better. In fact, a grill with fewer BTUs that reaches 550°F is the most efficient grill you can buy. It will reach broiling temperatures but won't waste fuel. So look for a grill with the BTU that matters—Better Tank Utilization.

■ **How is heat distributed?** Most grills rely on lava rock or ceramic briquettes to distribute the heat from the burners to the cooking surface.

Drippings from the food tend to pool in these systems causing unwanted flare-ups. Instead, look for a system with inverted v-shaped metal bars (such as the Flavorizer bars pioneered by Weber) to funnel the grease away from the burner flames, greatly reducing flare-ups.

■ **Where does the grease go?** Some manufacturers do not include a catch pan, but instead instruct you to hang an empty soup can on a wire to collect grease. Others provide shallow pans that spill easily when removed. Look for a catch pan that is at least 1-inch deep and easy to access from the front of the grill.

■ **Is the plumbing a safe distance from hot surfaces?** Make sure any electrical wiring and, most importantly, the gas line plumbing is set a safe distance from hot surfaces. Look for a grill with the gas tank located

safely off to the side rather than directly below the grill.

■ **Does your grill come with a tank and a tank scale?** If you have to buy the tank separately, it adds to the total price of the grill. Ask before you get a surprise at the checkout counter. And look for a grill with a tank scale—you'll never run out of fuel mid-barbecue.

■ **Who's backing your purchase?** Will the manufacturer be around when you need advice? Is there a 24-hour, toll-free, customer service hotline?

■ **What's covered by the warranty?** The warranty should include more promises than fine print and caveats. Ask before you end up paying extra for what you thought was covered. And don't compromise on anything less than a 10-year warranty. See www.weber.com.



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Opportunity to Learn about What is Being Done to Prevent Accidents at Six Industrial facilities in Bay Point and Martinez

Contra Costa Health Services is holding a series of public meetings to listen to the comments and answer the questions of the public about the programs to prevent accidents developed by six industrial facilities in Martinez and Bay Point. These programs were developed under the requirements of the California Accidental Release Prevention Program and the Contra Costa County Industrial Safety Ordinance. These programs give an assessment of the potential hazards a facility may present, the prevention programs in place at the facility, and the facility's emergency response program. The prevention programs include training of operators, maintenance and operating procedures, contractor safety, and incident investigation.

Public meetings will be held to discuss these programs for the following facilities:

- General Chemical Bay Point Works and Polychemie (formerly Polypure) will be held on Thursday May 1, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District at 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point
- Tesoro Petroleum Golden Eagle Refinery and Air Products at the Golden Eagle Refinery will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Pacheco Community Center at 5800 Pacheco Blvd, Pacheco
- Shell Martinez Refining Company and Air Products at the Shell Martinez Refinery will be held on Thursday May 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Martinez City Hall at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend one or more of these informative meetings to find out about, and comment on, the programs developed by these facilities.

An official forty-five day public comment period will begin on April 9, 2003 and will end on May 27, 2003. These Programs may be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez. Call (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. They may also be reviewed at the libraries listed below:

General Chemical Bay Point Works, Polychemie..... Bay Point Library-205 Pacifica Ave.
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Written comments, postmarked no later than May 27, 2003, should be sent via email to (ARPTeam@hdsd.co.contra costa.ca.us) or the following address:

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ONE ELEGANT WAY to end a Passover seder is with a fine dessert wine.

Celebrate the season: A Passover with panache

BY VICTOR SCHOENFELD
NAPSI

While many families and their friends have special ways to commemorate the joys of freedom at Passover time, this look at one family's traditions and innovations may prove inspiring to people of all beliefs.

When I was young, back in the 1960s, we generally had about two dozen people at our seder, which is how many we could fit in our living room once we moved in the ping pong table.

One family peculiarity was the hard-boiled eggs. They resembled normal eggs about as much as a Frank Lloyd Wright house resembles a garden shed.

Cracked open, these bronzed, variegated beauties looked like earthtone marbles and the flavor: a rich, roasted character with notes of caramelized onion and aromatic spice. It took a lot of willpower to eat just one.

Another important part of the seder was the Hillel sandwich. The ritual sandwich consists of two small pieces of matzo with a few shreds of grated horseradish.

In my family, the sandwich resembled a quarter pounder and the horseradish had to be as hot as possible. Eating it required

strategy.

One way was to jump right in, get kudos for bravery and face an uncertain heat load. The other was to watch the brave ones and see how they reacted so you'd know what you were in for.

The redness of one's ears was the accepted measurement of horseradish heat. Coughing, gasping and screaming were generally frowned upon.

I have to admit the wine back then left something to be desired. But nowadays, many top-quality kosher wines are available to please the most sophisticated palate.

I like starting with a sparkling white, such as Yarden Blanc de Blancs. It's fittingly celebratory and its lightness makes it a natural to head off the line-up.

After that I like going to a white with some body to it, such as Yarden Gewürztraminer or Yarden Chardonnay served with a rich vegetable soup or gefilte fish.

With the main course of boeuf bourguignon or lamb with roasted vegetables, a full-bodied red is in order, such as Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon.

To finish, we enjoy Yarden HeightsWine.

One of the hits of my seder

table today is my wife Aviv's chocolate-pecan torte.

CHOCOLATE-PECAN TORTE

2-1/4 cups pecan pieces
7 ounces highest quality bitersweet chocolate
8 large eggs, separated
1 cup granulated sugar, divided
2 tablespoons brandy
Confectioner's sugar
Pecan halves for garnish
Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Grease 10-inch round spring-form pan. In a food processor with knife blade attached, blend pecans and chocolate until coarsely ground. Set aside.

In large bowl with electric mixer at high speed, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, until whites stand in stiff peaks.

Set aside. In large bowl with

same beaters, beat egg meringe 1/2 cup sugar until mixture is lemon-colored and doubled in size.

Gently fold whites into meringe; stir in pecan mixture until blended.

Spoon mixture into pan. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 300 degrees.

Continue baking 45 minutes until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool rack 10 minutes.

Carefully remove from pan. Cool completely.

To serve, sprinkle confectioner's sugar over pecan halves.

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Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

BY JOE BONWICH

ST. LOUIS POST-DEPOTCH
Everyday grilled cheese sandwich is a slab of two of processed cheese or maybe even a pat of butter, and it's a quick-fix classic.

Left to the imagination of a home cook, a grilled cheese sandwich is anything but every-thing. Hayden works at The Cheese Place, and Bob Merchant, both in St.

Louis. When asked to describe an ultimate grilled cheese sandwich, Hayden submitted a recipe for a triple-decker that he likes to make for himself, using freshly minced garlic as an additional flavor while grilling the bread and Parmigiano-Reggiano to supplement the mozzarella, Tillamook extra-sharp Cheddar and Gruyere cheeses that make up the layers.

Howald devised a sandwich by picking two artisanal Wisconsin cheeses from his case — Pleasant Ridge Reserve from Uplands Cheese Co. and Knight's Vail from Roth Kase — and wrapping them around a slice of Tuscan Super Ham. He grilled the ingredients on thick slices of eggs, moist cheddar bread sprinkled with the now darling of chef's ingredients, fennel pollen.

The resulting grilled cheese sandwiches are absolutely nothing like

the ones Mom used to make.

NOW THAT'S A CHEESE SANDWICH

8 thick slices challah (see note)
8 tablespoons butter, preferably a cultured, European style such as Plugra, divided
8 large pinches fennel pollen, or to taste (see note)
4 (2-ounce) slices Pleasant Ridge Reserve cheese (a Gruyere style cheese)
4 (2-ounce) slices Tuscan Super Ham or prosciutto, cut in four medium slices (see note)
4 (2-ounce) slices Knight's Vail cheese (a semi-soft butter cheese)
Coat both sides of bread slices with butter, and sprinkle with fennel pollen, dividing evenly.
Using a griddle or large nonstick pan over medium heat, briefly brown each slice challah on one side, then flip and place 1 slice of Pleasant

Ridge Reserve, 1 slice of ham and then 1 slice of Knight's Vail on each of 4 slices of challah. Cover with remaining bread, making 4 sandwiches.

Grill until lower slice is brown on the bottom; flip and repeat until other face is also brown and cheese is melted. (If bread is browning before cheese melts, reduce heat to medium-low.) Cut sandwiches in half and serve with an icy cold beer of your choice.

Note: Challah is a Jewish egg bread similar to brioche, which can be substituted. The suggested cheeses, Tuscan Super Ham and fennel pollen are all available at specialty stores. Prosciutto, which is widely available at supermarkets and specialty stores, can be substituted, but has a denser taste and works better using two or three very thin slices instead of one medium slice. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe from Bob Howald, The Wine Merchant.

PAUL'S FAVORITE GRILLED CHEESE

1 teaspoon minced garlic or to taste
2 tablespoons butter, divided
4 slices whole-wheat bread
½ ounce (about 2 tablespoons) shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, divided
2 ounces Gruyere cheese, thinly sliced
2 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
2 ounces extra-sharp Cheddar cheese (Tillamook recommended), thinly sliced
Using a griddle or large pan, saute garlic in 1 tablespoon of butter over heat until just brown. Spread remaining butter on both sides of bread. Reduce heat to medium. Saute bread briefly on 1 side with

garlic, then flip. Sprinkle three slices with equal amounts of Parmigiano-Reggiano. Top one of those slices of bread with Gruyere. Wait 15 seconds, then top the second slice with mozzarella. Wait another 15 seconds, then top the third slice with Cheddar. If bread is browning before cheese melts, reduce heat to medium-low. When the bottom faces of the bread are toasted brown, stack together into a sandwich, using the bread without cheese for the top. Continue to cook the until cheese melts, turning as necessary. Cut in half and serve.

Note: To accelerate the melting of the cheese, you can place the assembled sandwich under a broiler for about 10 seconds if pan or griddle is oven-safe or remove sandwich and microwave for 10-15 seconds. Makes 2 servings.

Recipe from Paul Hayden, The Wine & Cheese Place.

Cravings

BY JULIA SOMMERFELD

THE SEATTLE TIMES

Cravings are doughnuts slathered in chocolate. Or a black-and-white cookie with a steaming mocha. Or a turtle brownie topped with a road ice cream. Or a weak in the knees just of them. But do not bring me under any circumstances, excepted, of course. For many women, I crave over all other foods. In my mind, "craving" quotes the level of desire. It's a burning obsession that quenched until the very edge of the creamy con- has been licked from my fingers.

I can't I crave a less delectable snack—say carrot sticks or even dirt like some clay-pregnant women?

Craving, according to nutritionists, is nearly always a craving for high-calorie foods. Or, as I learned by the time we were eating our vegetables in jars, if it tastes really good for you.

And just lack of willpower; I'm hard-wired to desire high-calorie foods," says Lola, a spokesperson for the National Dietetic Association. She craves for high-calorie

as a survival mechanism. Cravings are high, but now that surrounded by junk food, our dietary urges are having on our waistlines. Cravings should be distinguished from mere hankering or eating or even hunger, exclaims Drenowski, director of National Sciences Program at University of Washington. "A state of arousal directed at food, not just: 'I'm hungry, I have in the fridge?'" he

shows that while women crave chocolate, cookies, and other sweets, men eat or meaty treats such as chips, hamburgers, and pizza.

Cravings aren't sure why genetics the palate, but the observation that chocolate cravings are for many women during menstrual phase suggests hormonal factors play a role. Cravings during pregnancy may also be the work of hormones tweaking the taste and smell, but no established a biological link between pickles-and-ice-cream

lore has it that crav- as a kind of intestinal signal for what the body needs. A chocolate craving, for instance, might indicate magnesium deficiency.

Drenowski scoffs at the so-called wisdom of the body "because we craved what our bodies need, we would all be craving

Cravings are simply the desire to feel good. Cravings are sugary-salty con-

coctions give us pleasure both psychologically and physiologically.

Most of us have favorite comfort foods—mac-and-cheese, mashed potatoes dripping with butter, birthday cake—that conjure up happy childhood memories. And in the brain, high-fat, high-calorie foods cause the body to release natural feel-good chemicals.

That's why in times of stress, anxiety or depression, we find ourselves craving the warm, fuzzy feelings brought on by diving into junk food. It's Prozac on a plate.

In an experiment to test whether chocolate cravings were linked to release of pleasurable brain chemicals, Drenowski gave some subjects naloxone, a drug that blocks the body's receptors for natural opiates, the brain's own version of heroin. Subjects were then offered a variety of foods, among them chocolate-chip cookies and chocolate bars. Those given naloxone reduced their chocolate consumption, indicating the sweet treat was no longer giving them the chocolate "high" they craved.

"This is the first real scientific evidence that cravings have a physiological basis," Drenowski says, quickly adding, "but I'm not saying cookies are just like heroin."

Todd Becker, a lifelong chocolate whose uncontrollable cravings are a little out of sync with his gender, says don't underestimate the addictive power of the cocoa bean. His drug of choice? Rich, dark chocolate. His pusher? The receptionist at his law office with her blasted candy dish.

When a doctor's visit revealed his cholesterol was dangerously high, the 37-year-old Seattle attorney visited a nutritionist for help shedding weight and taming his chocolate habit—which consisted of fistfuls of chocolate candies every day followed by dessert on most nights.

In developing Becker's dietary plan, Seattle dietitian L. Kathleen Mahan says she knew chocolate would have to be included or else he would end up bingeing. So she upped his protein, shrank his portion sizes and prescribed three small pieces of dark chocolate per day, either Dove Promises or three squares of a Valrhona bar, which add up to less than 200 calories.

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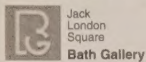
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Seniors Can Still Afford Assisted Living

Seniors Discover an Affordable Grand Lifestyle with a Simple Investment Strategy

Contra Costa - Questions and uncertainty concerning our changing economy are on the minds of government, businesses and most of all families. While we may adjust some of our spending and investment strategies to meet our changing finances, among the priorities that cannot be altered or postponed are the needs of our aging parents. In the midst of all the negative information, there is very good news for seniors whose lifestyle would benefit from a **Senior Living Community**.

The Bay Area housing market conditions still create a definitive advantage for seniors. A simple investment strategy can create a "Win-Win" situation, when seniors divest themselves of their real estate holdings. Investing the equity cash from the sale of their home in a low risk, "safe investment" such as government bonds, is an approach that allows seniors to retain their nest egg, while drawing on the interest from the non-reducing principal. The annual interest, added to Social Security and other retirement income, allows for a grand lifestyle. In some cases, living in a retirement community also creates a tax advantage.

While some seniors are physically fit and able to meet their daily needs, many are unable to handle the stress of caring for a home that requires repairs, yard work, cooking, shopping and driving. Coping with the loss of a spouse can create social isolation, even for more independent seniors. Adult children are discovering the move to a **Senior Living**



Tim MacDonald enjoys the courtyard with Ethel, a Chateau Resident.

Community is often the best choice for their parents.

The **MacDonald Family**, an innovative owner and operator with over 20 years experience, offers multi-layered services that meet the needs of independent seniors as well as those who require assisted living and memory care services. They provide impeccable service and a warm, friendly atmosphere that is unique to family owned and operated Senior Living Communities. Their communities are exclusive to the Bay Area and focus on customer satisfaction. In addition to beautifully appointed communities, such as Chateau I, II & III, well-trained dedicated staff receives rave reviews from residents and their families. The **MacDonald Family** also embraces programs, such as the "Respite Stay Resort", designed specifically to assist families and facilitate an easier transition or need the option of a short-term stay.

While many upscale communities tout excellent services, the **MacDonald Family** guarantees it. They offer an exclusive **Satisfaction Guarantee Program** that refunds 100% of the rent, paid through their 70/70 Program. Retirement Counselors are available everyday to assist with more information or a tour and lunch. Visit one of our two convenient Pleasant Hill Locations. Call Shirley at Chateau I & II (925) 935-1660 or Joyce at Chateau III (925) 935-1001. Call today, you'll be in for a pleasant surprise.

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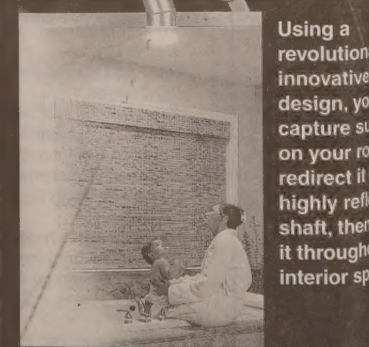
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